

SOCIETY FOR MACEDONIAN STUDIES

RESOLUTION

The Society for Macedonian Studies, in its Resolutions of 16 January and 1 June 2018, took a position against the conceding of the name Macedonia to FYROM in any form. In its assessment of the Prespes Agreement on 22 June 2018, the Society for Macedonian Studies noted that the Agreement not only concedes the name but also recognizes a Macedonian nation and language in the neighbouring country.

Unfortunately, it appears that the famed revision of the Constitution of FYROM will not satisfy the demand to eliminate all the provisions that establish expansionism against our country.

The Society for Macedonian Studies wishes to express its deep concern for the proposed amendments to the Constitution of FYROM, as announced by the Prime Minister of the neighbouring country, Zoran Zaev, and as foreseen by the Prespes Agreement. Specifically, the Society for Macedonian Studies objects to the fact that Article 36 of the Constitution of FYROM, according to which the neighbouring country guarantees the right to social security to all those who participated in the so-called “Macedonian national liberation struggle”, will not be amended.

The Society for Macedonian Studies notes that this article is a component of the ideology of *Macedonianism*. It is profoundly irredentist as the concept of the neighbouring country’s “national liberation struggle” is directly connected to the past efforts of certain Centres outside of Greece to detach parts of Greek territory that are located within the geographical region of Macedonia.

Whereas the Prespes Agreement will commit our country on a national issue of exceptional importance, the Society for Macedonian Studies calls for a referendum, in order to put the Agreement before the Greek people.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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