

The FYROM (The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Negotiations between the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) and Greece about the official name of the FYROM have been ongoing since the FYROM declared its independence in 1991. On April 8, 1993, the United Nations General Assembly admitted as a member the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, not as the “Republic of Macedonia,” but as the “Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.” United Nations Security Council Resolution 817

(1993) states that the dispute over the name must be resolved to maintain peaceful relations between Greece and the FYROM. On September 13, 1995, Greece and the FYROM signed a United Nations brokered Interim Accord pursuant to which discussions would be held to determine a mutually acceptable official name for the FYROM.

On November 4, 2004, the U.S. State Department declared that the United States would refer to the FYROM as “the Republic of Macedonia.” At that time, Representative Maloney was joined by sixty-nine of her House colleagues in a letter to then-Secretary Colin Powell expressing strong opposition to this decision and urging him to return to the long-standing policy of referring to this entity as FYROM. Negotiations on the name dispute continue to move forward.

Representative Maloney is working with her colleagues on this matter as well as the issue of the FYROM allowing the publishing of negative and nationalist propaganda, including in school textbooks.