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Statement by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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#### Statement of the Macedonian Delegation in exercise of its right to reply

#### Mr. Moderator,

Concerning the recommendation made earlier by the Union of Balkan Egyptians, I would like to make few remarks:

The full implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and enhancement of the inter-ethnical dialogue remains a major priority of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. This document is the basis of our multiethnic society and the pillar of Macedonia's Euro-Atlantic integration, being fully supported by the EU, USA and other major players in the International Arena.

The Government remains fully committed to continuously ensure its effective enforcement through continuous dialogue among the coalition partners in the Government, among the political parties within the Parliament and in cooperation with the local self-government units.

All envisaged laws regulating rights of non-majority communities have been adopted. In July 2008 the Law on promotion and protection of the rights of those communities which represent less than 20 % of the population of the country was adopted. Also, for better implementation of this Law and monitoring the implementation of the rights of communities, an Agency was established. The recruitment procedures for persons belonging to the non-majority communities are pursued following the envisaged tempo.

There is an improvement in the implementation of the Law on the use of the languages, especially in the Assembly and the units of local government. The Secretariat for implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement, in cooperation with the Ministry of finance, is preparing a Strategic Human Resource Plan for employment of the non-majority communities, with special focus on the representatives of the smaller ethnic communities.

Implementation of the equitable representation by law marks continuous progressing trend (according to the equitable representation data of budget beneficiaries 75.3% civil servants are Macedonians, 19.6% Albanians, 1.6% Turks, 1.4% Serbians. 0.6% Roma's, 0.5% Vlachs, 0.3% Bosnians and 0.8% other).

We deeply believe that Macedonian model of multiethnic society should be a good example also for other countries in the region.

Mr. Moderator, I thank you for your attention