



**TURKISH  
COALITION** of  
**AMERICA**

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is entering a new chapter in its historic mission of promoting global peace and security, while working towards the completion of a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace.

We, the Presidents of America's national Turkish American grassroots organizations, the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), Federation of Turkish American Associations (FTAA) and Turkish Coalition of America (TCA), which represent over 500,000 Turkish Americans and 300,000 Turkic Americans nationwide, are writing to urge you to consider the interests of the Euro-Atlantic community by demonstrating the United States' clear support for Macedonia's membership in the Alliance at the upcoming NATO Summit in Chicago this May.

Macedonia has proven itself to be a committed member of the Alliance since entering the Partnership for Peace program in 1995 and submitting its Membership Action Plan (MAP) in 1999. Macedonia has been actively involved in NATO's KFOR Mission in Kosovo, hosting the logistics supply headquarters for this mission, and receiving 360,000 Kosovar refugees. Additionally, Macedonia has remained active in the ISAF Mission in Afghanistan, currently hosting the fifth most troops per capita, where they work on providing security in Kabul and Kandahar. Likewise, Macedonia has proven its commitment by sending troops to allied missions in Iraq, Bosnia, and Lebanon, as well as through the provision of humanitarian assistance in Darfur.

Macedonia has fulfilled all of the MAP requirements for membership. The only obstacle has been the bilateral name dispute with Greece. Bilateral disputes have never held back the progress of NATO before, and this one should be no different. With the recent ruling of the International Court of Justice in regards to Macedonia, it has been shown that international law is on the side of Macedonia.

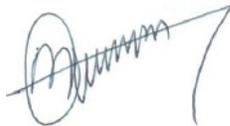
NATO leads in promoting global security, and has helped create a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace following the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of communism in Europe. This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of NATO's first enlargement, which encompassed Greece and Turkey. Inclusion in NATO has been of tremendous value for these countries, as well as for global security, and the inclusion of Macedonia into the Alliance is well overdue.

We support Macedonia's membership into NATO, and we hope that you and your administration will push forward in ensuring Macedonian membership at the upcoming Chicago Summit. Through this action, another giant step forward will be taken in ensuring global security and stability, as well as working toward the completion of a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace.

Sincerely,



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