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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – 21 March 2020

FROM: Republic of Macedonia Section

SUBJECT: Approval of change of Section name to North Macedonia Section

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Region 8 Committee is asked to approve the change of name of the current Republic of Macedonia Section to North Macedonia Section. According to MGA Operations Manual section 9.1.D, "Names for Sections, Geographic Councils, and Subsections shall be descriptive of the geographical area they encompass without reference to political designations."

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the proposed change of name to "North Macedonia Section" shall be approved by the IEEE Region 8 Committee and submitted to the MGA Board for final approval.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

- The change will align the Section name with the country name, as customary with most Sections in R8.

Financial Implications

- None.

Pros and/or Cons

- PROS: Alignment with official country name.
- CONS: None.

Implementation

- Changes will be implemented in OU Analytics and other IT tools.

Background Information

The country with constitutional name Republic of Macedonia has changed its name to Republic of North Macedonia in February 2019. The Prespa agreement, signed by Macedonia and Greece on 17 June 2018, settled an ongoing dispute over the name. Parliament approved of the name change on 19 October. The vote to amend the constitution and change the name of the country passed on 11 January 2019 in favour of the amendment. The amendment entered into force on 12 February following the ratification of the Prespa agreement and the Protocol on the Accession of Macedonia to NATO by the Greek Parliament.