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Dear Mr President,

On behalf of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly I would like thank you for attending our Annual Session, and for delivering an engaging address to our Plenary Sitting. I am conscious of the extensive demands on your time particularly at this critical time for your country, and am therefore extremely grateful that you were able to address the Assembly.

In your remarks you articulated the ambitions that you have for fully-fledged membership of NATO. You described how the current situation is the culmination of many years of active participation on the part of your country, through which you have demonstrated your commitment to the preservation of peace. You also communicated clearly the historic opportunities which now stand before us as a result of recent historic dialogue between your country and the government of Greece.

Like you, I would like to salute the statesmanship of the political leaders in both Athens and Skopje who are striving to overcome years of deadlock to build a path towards good neighbourly relations and a brighter future for the whole Western Balkans region. As you know, the NATO PA has actively supported NATO's Open Door Policy, and I intend to continue to ensure that this remains one of our key priorities. The Assembly will certainly closely follow the next steps towards the ratification of the Prespa agreement in Skopje and Athens, and the progress achieved in accession talks with NATO, and we look forward to staying in close contact with members of your delegation during this critical time.

Thank you once again for your participation in the Plenary Sitting, and most importantly thank you for your leadership and constant support for the close cooperation between your Assembly and the NATO PA.

Yours sincerely,

Madeleine Moon

