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- Law Amending the Law on Customs Tariff
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- Law Amending the Law on Judicial Council of the Republic of Macedonia
- Law Amending the Law on Food Safety

PARLIAMENT OPEN DAY



MEETING THE DELEGATION OF THE PACE MONITORING COMMITTEE

The President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Trajko Veljanoski had a meeting with the Delegation of the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe comprised of: Mr. Stefan Schennach, President of the Monitoring Committee, Mr. Robert Walter, Rapporteur for the Post Monitoring Dialogue with the Republic of Macedonia and Mr. Andreas Gross, President of the Socialists Group of PA. The discussion referred to the current events and interlocutors exchanged opinions on the boycott by the opposition of the work of the Assembly as an institution with crucial importance in building the democracy and functioning of the society.

President Veljanoski underlined that as a lawyer, he always stands for strict respect of rules in the state, but as a President of the Macedonian Parliament leaves space for development of the political dialogue. Also, President Veljanoski expressed appreciation for the strong condemn by PACE for the boycott of the Parliament by the opposition as a step taken in their political activities. At the end of the meeting, the Members of the Delegation expressed hope that the bridges between the ethnic communities are stable and that they hope for positive resolution of the current political situation.



NIKOLOSKI CHAIRED THE SPRING SESSION OF PACE



„Имам чест на мојот македонски јазик да ви ѝосакам усјешна работња“ – “It is my honor to wish you successful work in Macedonian”, this is how Mr. Nikolovski started the Chairing of the Spring Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. In January 2015, the Head of the Delegation of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Aleksandar Nikolovski was elected as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Parliamentary Assembly for 2015 and 2016.

He chaired the Spring Session “Social services in Europe”. At the beginning, he expressed great satisfaction for chairing with the oldest Parliamentary Assembly created on the European soil, whose activity is focused on issues of current political importance, including the problems of modern society and aspects of international politics. During the session, Mr. Nikolovski had a meeting with PACE President Madam Anne Brasseur. The high level of dedication and active participation of the Macedonian Delegation in PACE was mutually stated at the meeting as well as the fact that the place for each elected MP is in the Parliament, regardless of the fact whether they come from the position or the opposition, since they have equal responsibility for the democratic processes in the state and that wiretapping of private conversations is breach of the fundamental rights and freedoms. Mr. Nikolovski invited Madam Brasseur to visit the Republic of Macedonia and to follow the practice of all her previous colleagues-presidents who visited our country.

<https://www.facebook.com/SobranieRM/videos/vb.459815647477622/705302299595621/?type=2&theater>

FIRST MEETING OF SEECP PA STANDING COMMITTEE

The National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria organized the First Meeting of the SEECP PA Standing Committee on Economy, Infrastructure and Energy on 21 March in Sofia, where MPs discussed the promotion of the energy efficiency in South East Europe. Macedonian MP, Ms Laskoska in her address referred to the efforts of the Republic of Macedonia in the area of energy, especially cooperation with the neighbouring states and harmonization of the national legislation with the EU Acquis, as well as to several projects such as gasification of the state and connection with the regional pipelines. In the adopted Resolution after the meeting, the MPs underlined the protection of the customers' rights and implementation of the relevant regulations of EU as joint goals and called SEECP Member States jointly with the European Parliament, to establish a parliamentary network for closer cooperation and exchange of experience.



SEECP CONFERENCE „EQUAL AND EMPOWERED - STRONGER TOGETHER“

The Conference was organized by the Serbian Women Parliamentarians Network in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, the OSCE Mission in Serbia and ODIHR for women parliamentarians coming from countries from South-East Europe. Ms Vjolca Mehmeti- Nuredini and Ms. Marija Angjelova participated at the meeting from the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia. The situation with gender equality in different states, as well as the exchange of best practices in the field of building women's power in parliamentary political parties, the influence of inter-party cooperation of women parliamentarians in policies for promotion of gender equality were discussed at the meeting. The Conference resulted in signing of Memorandum for Cooperation by all participants for cooperation in activities that would lead to improvement of gender equality in their states in SEE region, as well as for establishment of a framework and identification of models for cooperation among parliamentarians from SEE countries.



PORTUGESE STATE SECRETARY IN MACEDONIAN PARLIAMENT

The Portugese State Secretary for European Affairs, Mr. Bruno Mações, within the frames of his official visit to the Republic of Macedonia, met the Members of European Affairs Committee in the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia. At the meeting chaired by Vice-President of Parliament Miloshoski, the State Secretary Mações confirmed the dedication of Portugal to support the EU enlargement process of all countries in the Western Balkans as a precondition for stability and security in the region. The need for obtaining a date for EU negotiations for membership for the Republic of Macedonia by the Council was emphasized, having in mind the dedication of the country for European reforms and the recommendations obtained so far by the European Commission and the European Parliament.

The need was also raised for finding a compromise for the issue of the use of our constitutional name that Republic of Greece has with the Republic of Macedonia in order to unblock the opening of negotiations chapters. In that sense, the Republic of Macedonia Euro-integration experiences of Portugal would be most welcome by the Republic of Macedonia, as well as its support for adopting a positive decision for start of negotiations.

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