

MACEDONIAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTED EU INTEGRATION RESOLUTION

- ☒ Last week the Macedonian Parliament adopted a resolution on the country's priorities in European integration process. The resolution obliges the parliament to prioritize legislation related to Macedonia's EU integration, and call the government to inform lawmakers of any action related to the EU integration process. The resolution calls the parliament to strengthen the political dialogue among political actors in Macedonia, an area heavily criticized by the EU. In addition, the document condemns hatred speech in parliament and reconfirms the need of reforms in judiciary, calls for police reforms and highlights the need to protect the administration against political influences, to work on harmonization of the Macedonian with EU legislation and increase the competitiveness in the Macedonian economy. The opposition Democratic Union for Integration rejected the Resolution saying it will draft its own version of the document. [Makfax, 27/11/07; Setimes, 27/11/07]

CEI LEADERS' MEETING IN SOFIA

- ☒ With joint declaration guaranteeing efforts at keeping regional peace, stability and development, the Prime Ministers of countries in the Central European Initiative, last week concluded a meeting in Sofia. During the meeting, the leaders assessed the performance of the organization, its cooperation with the EU and the ongoing processes in the region stressing the need for a long term solution to the Kosovo status issue as well as the necessity of boosting democratic institutions and efforts to strengthened market economies. CEI has also invited representatives of the European Commission and other international and regional organizations and initiatives to participate at this forum [Setimes 28/11/07]

CONSENSUS ON KOSOVO STATUS STILL POSSIBLE T

- ☒ The international Troika continues to work with Belgrade and Pristina on finding a solution to the Kosovo status. UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon also supports the effort of the Contact group Troika hoping that compromise is still possible. Ban's spokesman, Farhan Nag said that although the negotiations had

reached a difficult phase, the Troika will remain committed to the process and will do everything within their powers to reach a consensus before December 10. Previously Ban Ki Moon met EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana to discuss Troika talks on Kosovo, as well as Balkans in general. [B92, 29/11/07]

BOSNIAN POLICE REFORM IN PROGRESS

- ☒ According to Brussels diplomats involved in police reform process in Bosnia, Bosnian leaders are set to agree on Monday to push ahead with police reform. Uniting Bosnia's ethnically divided police forces has been high priority request demanded by the EU. He added that if agreement on the police reform is reached by Monday, the EU would move ahead with initialing a Stabilization and Association Agreement with Bosnia. For now, Bosnia remains the only Western Balkans state without such an agreement with the EU. In order to discuss with the Bosnian Presidency, the government and party leaders about reaching agreement on the police reform, EU Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn is visiting Sarajevo. [B92, 2/12/07]