



Hungarian National Assembly
Committee on European Affairs

Opinion of the Committee on European Affairs

by virtue of Article 145 of Resolution 10/2014 (II.24.) OGY on certain provisions of the Rules of Procedure

**concerning the 2019 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy,
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The Committee

- reminding to the exchange of views held with the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on its meeting of 26 June 2019, unanimously supports the enlargement of the European Union, since it is convinced that the Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western Balkan countries is Europe's geopolitical and strategic interest;
- consider that the Prespa Agreement which completed a more decade long bilateral tension is crucial with regard to the stability of the whole Western Balkan region;
- agrees with the evaluation of the European Commission that the as quickly as possible opening of the accession negotiations with Northern Macedonia and Albania is justified, since the prolongation of the decision on the opening of the accession negotiation concerning these two countries doesn't serve either the interests of the candidate countries or of the European Union;
- is of the opinion that the slow-down of the European integration of the Western Balkan countries negatively effects the stability of the countries and the EU support of the population concerned;
- urges that the accession negotiations with Serbia and Montenegro should be accelerated in order to ensure that the most prepared countries become full member of the EU during the next financial framework of the European Union;
- invites the incoming new European Commission to keep the question of the European integration perspective of the Western Balkan countries on the agenda and facilitate intensively that the reunification of Europe do not become an incomplete process.

Budapest, 28 October 2019