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To: **Prof. C.R. Chapple**Secretary General
European Association of Urology

Athens, June 18th, 2019

Dear Professor Chapple,

On behalf of the Hellenic Urological Association Board members, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for the excellent and fruitful established cooperation between our societies over the last years. The European Urological Association is our primary and main associate of Urology worldwide!.

Within this frame, we would like to draw your attention in a very sensitive and delicate issue, regarding the name of our northern neighbor country. As you might know, after many years of disputes, Greece came in an agreement with F.Y.R.O.M. and an international treaty has been mutually signed between the two countries, including the change of the country's official name to North Macedonia.

We are kindly asking EAU to adopt the new name, in all printed and electronic issues of EUA (EUT, uroweb, events calendar, etc) as well as in the registration system (in the dropdown country list field). Moreover their representatives, authors and delegates should me mentioned as North Macedonians.

Please share this information to all parties, sections and departments involved within EAU Organization. As explained already, this issue is very important for our members, especially in Northern Greece, where the name Macedonia is part of their identity, homeland and birthplace.

There are Hundreds of Greek Urologists -members of HUA attending the EAU Congresses and other EAU events every year. Since 2017, a high number of our members benefit from HUA-EAU Membership agreement and became EAU members.

Your prompt and positive respond to our request, will be much appreciated by the Greek Urological community.

On the same concept, we would like to remind our European colleagues, that the international community recognized Cyprus as the only legitimate country in the UN, and there is no reference as Northern Cyprus. We are kindly asking the EAU, not to legitimize or recognize directly or indirectly this state, either by participation or by granting auspices to scientific events taking place in the northern Cyprus part, which is long occupied.

Looking forward to your kind consideration and positive response

Sincerely Yours

Ioannis K. GkialasPresident of HUA