

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement**  
**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending 12/31/2015

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.  
New Partners Consulting, Inc. 6330

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
1250 I Street NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es) Yes  No   
(2) Citizenship Yes  No   
(3) Occupation Yes  No

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name Yes  No   
(2) Ownership or control Yes  No   
(3) Branch offices Yes  No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

VMRO - Democratic Party of Macedonian National Unity

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

**III - ACTIVITIES**

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

1. Wrote 4 Press Releases for dissemination to media  
12/26/15, ICYMI: Macedonia Prime Minister: We Must Work Together to Help the Migrants  
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2. Submitted 2 Opinion pieces to news outlets: The Hill, 12/10/15, An attack on the free media is an attack on us all & Newsweek, 12/23/15, We Must Work Together to Help The Migrants
3. Ongoing individual reporter outreach

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

**IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
12/23/15	VMRO - Democratic Party of Macedonian National Unity	Consulting Services	54,000.00
			54,000.00
			Total

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
12/17/2015	Vocus, Inc.	Subscription for international media database	5,000.49

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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

## V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>  
 Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?  
 Yes  No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

VMRO - Democratic Party of Macedonian National Unity

See #11: Wrote 4 Press Releases for dissemination to media & Submitted 2 Opinion pieces

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts       Magazine or newspaper       Motion picture films       Letters or telegrams  
 Advertising campaigns       Press releases       Pamphlets or other publications       Lectures or speeches  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- Email  
 Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials       Newspapers       Libraries  
 Legislators       Editors       Educational institutions  
 Government agencies       Civic groups or associations       Nationality groups  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?  
 Yes  No

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

January 29, 2016

/s/ Cara Stern

eSigned

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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**For Immediate Release:** December 26, 2015

**U.S. Media Contact:** Cara Morris Stern: 202-271-2272

**ICYMI: Macedonia Prime Minister: We Must Work Together to Help the Migrants**

Skopje, Republic of Macedonia – This week, in a [new Newsweek op-ed](#), the Republic of Macedonia Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski called for a coordinated international response to the ongoing refugee crisis.

The full op-ed, entitled, “We Must Work Together to Help the Migrants,” is available [online here](#) and also follows below:

The terror attacks in Paris and the arrival of winter have changed the nature of how Europe must respond to its ongoing refugee crisis.

To meet the dual security and humanitarian challenges, we must develop and implement a more coordinated approach that unites fellow nations on the refugee path, the European Union, international partners such as the United States and global and local NGOs.

As a land-locked nation in the major refugee transit path, the Republic of Macedonia faces a unique challenge. Unlike other countries in the center of the refugee crisis, Macedonia is a non-European Union nation that receives thousands of refugees each day directly from Greece, an E.U. nation that is blocking our membership to NATO and, since 2009, has prevented us from opening membership negotiations with the E.U.

Despite the limited resources of our nation of two million, we have ensured the safe passage of over 600,000 refugees who have transited through our country thus far this year—helping to advance, support and protect the European Union’s as well as NATO’s security priorities in the process.

The refugee flow is not going away. In fact, projections show that the volume is likely to grow in the years ahead. To address both security and humanitarian concerns now and in the future, we propose a new vision for responding to the refugee crisis. The approach adheres to key directives established by the E.U. while proposing a new set of ideas for cooperation in the Balkans.

To that end, we have invited the countries on the refugee route—such as Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland—to deploy border personnel on our southern border with Greece in order to achieve greater accountability and coordination that fails to exist today.

We want this cooperation on the border to lead to the establishment of a new Balkan Center to help monitor and respond to the needs of the refugee flow and to provide a new regional nexus for information gathering and intelligence sharing.

We are also establishing a European Humanitarian Corridor for refugee transit to create a more safe and orderly process to guide the flow of refugees through Europe. To shore up security shortcomings at the refugees' point of E.U. entry, we are deploying new technology along the Greek/Macedonian border to capture biographical and biometric information.

Any effort to safely channel refugees along a transit route must include new fencing infrastructure to ensure a streamlined and accountable flow of both people and information. In accordance with broader, European-wide directives, our priority as a nation and a region must remain on providing safe transit for refugees fleeing from war who have a final destination in Europe.

As a small country we are not able to jeopardize our ability to provide for these refugees by admitting economic migrants with no final destination in countries to our north. We are actively asking partners to help us communicate to non-refugee migrants that we cannot secure their transit north, as our resources are already stretched thin in providing for the humanitarian needs of the refugees transiting through our borders.

Addressing the ongoing refugee crisis follows on the heels of economic upheaval in our region that has similarly required a broader European-wide and international focus and response. Macedonia has remained stable economically in comparison to some of our neighbors—in fact, the World Bank recently ranked our nation as 12th among 189 countries in its annual ranking of nations on the ease of doing business, including 2nd internationally in the ease of starting a business.

We have a track record of working with international partners and attracting multinational companies by implementing free trade agreements, creating a marketplace with the lowest taxes and lowest cost of doing business in Europe, and offering a high skilled workforce.

Though we have emerged resilient economically, the financial crisis reminded us of a larger truth: our region remains at the epicenter of fundamental economic, humanitarian and security challenges now and for the foreseeable future. And what happens in the Balkans has continent-wide and international ramifications that are essential to address.

Once again, we must come together around a coordinated response to a pressing crisis by uniting Balkan countries, European allies, international actors and NGO and relief organizations around a shared and sustainable vision.

*Nikola Gruevski is prime minister of the Republic of Macedonia.*

*This material is distributed by New Partners Consulting, Inc. on behalf of Macedonia's VMRO – DPMNE Party. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, DC.*

**Newsweek, December 23, 2015: <http://www.newsweek.com/we-must-work-together-help-migrants-408654>**

**We Must Work Together to Help the Migrants  
By Nikola Gruevski**

Macedonian Nikola Gruevski prime minister appeals to European leaders to cooperate more to help refugees.

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**The Hill, December 10, 2015: <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/civil-rights/262695-an-attack-on-the-free-media-is-an-attack-on-us-all>**

**An attack on the free media is an attack on us all  
By Michael P. Meehan**

In the U.S., we often take our freedoms for granted. Our open access to news and information is guaranteed by our Constitution and is one of the most important pillars of our democracy.

However, not everyone is able to enjoy the same freedoms we have at home. For example, in Russia, President Vladimir Putin has gone to great lengths to consolidate the country's media, "moving from supporting the government with biased news to actively participating in an 'information war' with its perceived adversaries," according to a Freedom House report. And in China, reporters have faced long-term imprisonment for publishing "political liberal commentary," according to the same investigation.

While many might expect this type of media suppression from countries governed by heavy-handed regimes, what's unexpected—and rather disturbing—is what's happening in pro-western nations. Macedonia, for example, is a former Soviet bloc country headed by pro-NATO and pro-Western Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski. Macedonia is also a candidate for accession to the European Union. However, the country's domestic opposition party, SDSM, is led by Zoran Zaev, the successor to the former ruling communist party during the Cold War. Earlier this week, Zaev declared that four of the seven largest TV stations and daily newspapers—all free media not owned by the SDSM—are his "greatest political enemies." After facing a wall of criticism, Zaev's party doubled-down, issuing a statement that called the current Macedonian free media environment "catastrophic."

Zaev's comments harken back to dark time in recent Macedonian history. Earlier this summer, journalists from Sitel TV and the chief editor of the "Vecer" newspaper were verbally and physically assaulted by members of the SDSM party while covering a protest at the Macedonian assembly. The offices of "Radio Free Macedonia" were also destroyed during the same protest.

As Macedonia deals with the ongoing refugee crisis, the need for free and independent journalism is more important now than ever. The harrowing stories of refugees and families fleeing extreme violence have already played a significant role in shaping both public perceptions and the international community's response. For example, the traumatic photo of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi captured hearts and minds across the world, spurring many countries and ordinary citizens to take action.

For the first half of this decade, I served as a board member of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and as chair of the Strategy and Budget Committee of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, overseeing all U.S. international non-military media, including the Voice of America. I saw first hand the amazing role that a free media plays in emerging democracies and sadly how some

governments, threatened, intimidate and jail journalists on a daily basis. A free media is the foundation for a free society.

Every day, journalists from around the world go to great lengths and too many times at great risks, to deliver our daily news. Whether in a warzone or at a news desk, these courageous reporters face threats on a regular basis yet remain unwavering in their commitment to their jobs and the broader public. We must preserve their rights to report independently, so that we can continue to foster an environment of responsible discussion and open debate.

By suppressing free, independent journalism, we not only restrict the rights of ordinary citizens to access important information, but we undermine our own democratic values. By attacking the media, it is an attack on reporters and an attack on us all.

*Meehan is the former chair of the Strategy and Budget and Global Internet Freedom Committees for the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). He currently serves as the president and CEO of Squared Communications.*

**For Immediate Release:** December 9, 2015

**U.S. Media Contact:** Cara Morris Stern: 202-271-2272

**Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of the Republic of Macedonia Shares His Vision for Addressing the European Refugee Crisis**

***Excerpts from the Prime Minister's Speech Celebrating the Day of St. Clement of Ohrid***

MACEDONIA – Speaking yesterday as part of a national holiday to celebrate St. Clement of Ohrid, the founder of the Cyrillic alphabet, Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of the Republic of Macedonia shared his vision for a coordinated approach to the ongoing European refugee crisis to address both security and humanitarian challenges.

As a land-locked nation in the major refugee transit path, the Republic of Macedonia faces a unique challenge. Unlike other countries in the center of the refugee crisis, Macedonia is a non-European Union nation who receives thousands of refugees each day directly from an E.U. nation. Despite confronting the refugee crisis without the direct operational or financial support afforded to E.U. member countries, the Republic of Macedonia has ensured the safe passage of more 600,000 refugees who have transited through the nation this year.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Gruevski shared his vision of the way forward in addressing this ongoing crisis. Below, we excerpt key portions of yesterday's speech:

"The Republic of Macedonia has the right, obligation and duty to take care and to protect our national interests and the interests of the citizens. This is our priority and this is our task. At the same time we feel for the pain and suffering of those who had to abandon their homes because of the war and to become refugees. We have had these examples among the Macedonians, and not so long ago.

...Therefore, we must act in coordination with the other countries. The coordination and mutual assistance are fundamental. Macedonia is the only country which is not an EU member-state and yet it accepts refugees from an EU member-state. Recently, EU has been asking for a distinction to be made between refugees and economic migrants. We are constantly appealing for an adoption of a Joint European Policy regarding this issue. Macedonia is ready to safeguard the European interests, to assist and to make what other countries fail to do. The politics of Macedonia is clear - through the European Humanitarian Corridor which was established we are ready to provide humane treatment and speedy transit for all refugees whose final destination is some of the European countries. We are asking the European partners to explain the economic migrants who have no European country as a final destination on their mind that our resources are small and limited and fully directed at the refugees coming from the war

zōnes, all in order, as I said to provide humane treatment and a speedy transit through Macedonia.

The decision to put up a fence on our southern national border was adopted as a result of the risk assessment performed by experts and is part of the conclusions adopted by the Security Council. Its fundamental objective is not to impede, but to direct and channel the refugee inflow towards the check-points in order to register and to receive more humane treatment. Our border is open and all those refugees coming from war zones can enter – the same categories of people who are allowed entrance in the EU member-states. This act is in accordance with all standards and I would like to congratulate the Army of the Republic of Macedonia for their work which is in the interest of all citizens. I would like to acknowledge the Macedonian police which with their appropriate and proportionate activity resist all risks and security threats and perform their task on the southern border in a highly professional manner.

Our behaviour is in the interest of the migrants, for a better and more humane treatment, but also for registration, decrease and prevention of security threats and risks, not only towards Macedonia, but also towards our European friends. The activities on the southern Macedonian border are in the interest of Europe. The security is an important element and cannot be and must not be a secondary issue on the account of the humanity. These two things cannot be mutually exclusive, but must go hand in hand, recognizing each other's importance.

We have proven our humanity on numerous occasions – Macedonia was the place where 360,000 persons found a temporary shelter 16 years ago, during the Kosovo crisis and no one can blame Macedonia to be inhumane, on the contrary. With the winter on our doorstep, we are acting responsibly by providing free medical protection, warm clothes, food and warm beverages, we are training the staff which is ready to assist, we have cooperation with the NGOs and the establishment of SOS children's villages on both the south and north border are an excellent example of this. I am welcoming the decision adopted by EU for FRONTEX to take participation in the coordination of the activities on the Greek-Macedonian border and I want to extend my appreciation to the European politicians and European countries that provide their support in overcoming this challenge.

Once more we will need to stand united around a coordinated response to the crisis which will last; uniting the Balkan countries, the European allies, the international actors, the NGOs and humanitarian organizations around a shared and sustainable resolution of this crisis in which Macedonia, with its own resources, and without any serious financial assistance from outside, is undertaking its utmost efforts for humane treatment of those who are running away from the whirl of the war.

We will continue to behave responsibly and with commitment regarding this issue..."

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**Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of the Republic of Macedonia to Host Donald Tusk, President of the European Council on Sunday**

***Meeting to Discuss Prime Minister Gruevski's Goal and Vision of a Coordinated Response to Refugee Crisis***

Skopje, Macedonia – Earlier this week, Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of the Republic of Macedonia called on neighboring countries, the European Union, and international partners to work with the Republic of Macedonia to develop and implement a coordinated approach to the ongoing refugee crisis. Prime Minister Gruevski noted that the attacks in Paris and the coming winter months make clear the need for a more coordinated and continent-wide plan that both strengthens security and addresses critical humanitarian needs.

To further that goal, Prime Minister Gruevski will host Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, for a meeting on Sunday, November 22nd. The meeting will be held in the Capitol at 15:00 CET. Prime Minister Gruevski's meeting with President Tusk follows a series of recent meetings between Prime Minister Gruevski and the heads of neighboring countries.

According to Prime Minister Gruevski, "Every nation affected by the refugee crisis will make its own set of related decisions about what is best for their country and citizens. However, we know that this is a European-wide challenge that, ultimately, will require a more coordinated and European-wide engagement. The countries in the Balkan region are managing this refugee situation and need additional support and better coordination with other countries, making this an urgent and critical political issue. Despite limited resources, we have risen to this challenge in a swift and humanitarian manner. The status quo is untenable and short-term recommendations do nothing to solve the problem. Macedonia knows that the only solution is European-wide expanded cooperation, real-time exchange of information and additional support so that we may ensure appropriate security and humanitarian outcomes for all involved."

The geography of the Republic of Macedonia presents the nation with a unique challenge. Unlike any other country in the center of this refugee crisis, the Republic of Macedonia is a non-European Union nation who receives thousands of refugees each day directly from an E.U. nation. Over the past 10 months, the nation of approximately 2 million citizens has prioritized the human rights and dignity of more than 520,000 refugees transiting through the nation.

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**Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of the Republic of Macedonia:  
"Work with Us" to Develop and Implement a Coordinated Approach to the Refugee Crisis**

*The following is a statement from Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of the Republic of Macedonia:*

"The Republic of Macedonia calls on its neighbors, the European Union, and international partners to work with us to develop and implement a coordinated approach to the refugee crisis that both bolsters security and ensures needed humanitarian protections.

The ongoing refugee crisis and our nation's geography present the Republic of Macedonia with a unique challenge. Unlike any other country in the center of this refugee crisis, the Republic of Macedonia is a non-European Union nation who receives thousands of refugees each day directly from an E.U. nation. Geography has laid this issue at our doorstep and we are proud to ensure refugees safe passage through our nation's northern border and toward final destinations in other European Union nations. With the flow of refugees through our borders growing from 600 to now more than 7,000 a day, our nation of approximately 2 million citizens has prioritized the human rights and dignity of more than 520,000 refugees transiting through our nation over the past 10 months.

However, after the attacks in Paris and ahead of the coming winter months, it is more critical than ever to develop and implement a more coordinated approach that strengthens information gathering and intelligence sharing, while ensuring for essential humanitarian protections. The Republic of Macedonia, and the larger Balkan region, has experienced significant refugee crises in the past and expects significant refugee flows in the future. We know that this is a European-wide challenge that, ultimately, will require a coordinated and European-wide response to ensure appropriate security and humanitarian outcomes.

With us, the Republic of Macedonia has embarked on other ambitious reforms to grow the economy, modernize the national infrastructure, and improve opportunity for its citizens. The World Bank recently ranked the Republic of Macedonia as 12th among 189 countries in its annual ranking of nations on the ease of doing business – the 6th highest ranking in Europe. The Republic of Macedonia ranked 2nd internationally among the 189 nations in the ease of starting a business. On each of these measures, our success has come by recognizing areas in need of improvement and assessing when the status quo was no longer tenable. The same is true with the current refugee situation – we know that we need to improve coordination for both security and humanitarian reasons.

We look forward to working with other nations and international partners to strengthen Europe's response to the refugee crisis."

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