

# Letter of Agreement (LoA)

between

VATSIM Europe Region (VATEUR),  
VATSIM Europe Division (VATEUD)

and

vACC FYR Macedonia (MACvACC)

**Effective:** 01/12/2014

**Version:** 1.0

**Purpose:** the purpose of this LoA is to set the naming rules and conventions that can be used when publishing information containing references to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYRoM) in all VATSIM-related communication channels, both official and unofficial.

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**Ref:** VATSIM CoC, VATSIM CoR, VATEUR Policy

## Definitions

1. Official VATSIM-related communication channel: any public or private communication channel that is directly part of the VATSIM network (text messaging system, voice channels etc) or officially identifies the network (forums, websites, facebook pages of VATSIM, regions, divisions, vACCs etc).
2. Unofficial VATSIM-related communication channel: any public communication channel that members are identified primarily by their VATSIM identity (unofficial facebook pages related to VATSIM or vACC activity, virtual Airlines, etc).

## The naming issue

1. The name issue arose in 1991 between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, when the latter seceded from Yugoslavia and declared its independence under the name "Republic of Macedonia".
2. In 1993, following a recommendation from the Security Council, the country was accepted into the United Nations by decision of the General Assembly under the provisional name "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", until such time as an agreed solution is reached.
3. Since 1995 Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia began negotiations under the auspices of the UN. These negotiations continue to this day.

## Naming rules and conventions

1. To minimize the implications of the naming issue to network members of the above two communities, naming rules need to be set according to the UN resolution. When referring to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in any VATSIM-related communication channel, both official and unofficial, the country name that may be used must be one of the following: FYRoM, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, FYR Macedonia, (FYR) Macedonia. The single term "Macedonia" or any other term containing the word "Macedonia" but omitting the above designations is not allowed.

## Disputes

Any dispute arising from this agreement shall be solved amicably by and between HvACC and MACvACC.

In case of failing to come to an agreement, VATSIM Europe Region Director has the responsibility of deciding what the next course of action should be.

The decision of VATSIM Europe Region Director can be appealed at the office of VATSIM Vice president for Conflicts resolution.

## Period and Termination of the Agreement

1. The period of this agreement has no time limit.
2. This agreement can be terminated if:
  - i. One of the either parties does not exist anymore.
  - ii. VATSIM does not exist anymore.
  - iii. If it has been misused by one of the parties and this event becomes evident to VATSIM Administration.
  - iv. Both parties mutually agree to.
  - v. VATSIM Europe Region Director announces it by NOTAM
3. This agreement cannot be terminated unilaterally.

***This agreement shall be executed in the English language and has been duly agreed and signed on this date of 23/Nov/2014 by the next parties.***

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(FYR) Macedonia Virtual Area Control Center

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