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### EMI Resolution on EU accession process in the Western Balkans

EMI calls for special attention and intensification of the process of accession of the Western Balkans.

EMI welcomes the European Commission report on the preparedness of Montenegro for the opening of accession negotiations and invites the Council to endorse the recommendation to open negotiations as soon as possible.

EMI calls on the European Union to open accession negotiations with FYR of Macedonia without delay, invites Serbia to work on the fulfilling of the criteria for the opening of accession negotiations and supports the efforts of the other countries and entities towards speeding up the European integration process.

It also calls the EU to maintain its commitment towards speeding up the integration process of Albania and Bosnia Herzegovina. EMI supports the EU aspirations of Kosovo\*, without prejudice to the status.

Considering the level of progress in the accession process and the reforms evaluated in the annual progress reports of the European Commission and the resolutions of the European Parliament, the Federal Assembly of the EMI believes that the European Commission, following the clear conclusion and position of the European Council, should implement measures that initiate and accelerate the European integration process in the Western Balkans into the European Union.

The EMI also encourages the concerned countries and entities to continue and strengthen the efforts undertaken in the reform process, with the goal of fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria for membership. The decision on membership could only be taken provided all relevant criteria, pertaining to the democracy and rule of law, functioning market economy and implementation of the EU *acquis* have been successfully met.

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.