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Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on any of the draft country programme documents being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: European Commission

Draft country programme document: North Macedonia

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| <b>General comments</b>   |  |
| <b>Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document</b> | <p>1        Rephrasing the first paragraph on page 2 as follows:</p> <p>North Macedonia is an upper middle-income country. Over the past five years, <b>the country has made progress in advancing key reforms and has strengthened good neighbourly relations, including through the resolution of the name issue with Greece, which was</b> followed by the change in its constitutional name in 2019. <del>the contentious political issues have been addressed, thus- These enabling the</del> The country <del>to become a member state of</del> <b>joined</b> the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 2020, and <b>EU Member States decided to open</b> <del>to commence</del> accession negotiations, <b>which is a step forward on North Macedonia’s EU path.</b> <del>to become a member state of</del> <b>with</b> the European Union, following a change in its constitutional name in 2019.</p> <p>2        Correcting a denomination at page 4, point 14. Instead of “Ethnic Albanian and Roma children are less likely than ethnic Macedonians”, please replace with “Ethnic Albanian and Roma children are less likely than <b>the children of the majority community</b>”.</p> |