

OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Serbia's Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić today welcomed the agreement between political leaders on measures to overcome the political crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and pledged OSCE support for its implementation.

"This is a step forward in the right direction for the country, which contributes to the stability of the region as a whole. It reaffirms the political leaders' commitment to taking important steps towards strengthening democratic processes and rebuilding people's trust in institutions. EU Commissioner Hahn and his partners are to be congratulated for their role in facilitating this development," said Dačić.

"I encourage all parties to implement the agreement in full and good faith. In addition, the OSCE is ready to offer its expertise. Particularly important will be the early elections in April of next year, which should meet international standards," he said.

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