



Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Nikola Selakovic had talks today with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia Bujar Osmani. The meeting took place on the fringes of the informal meeting of foreign ministers of the South East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) participants, held in Antalya.

In the substantive conversation Minister Selakovic underlined that Serbia remained committed to developing friendly relations with North Macedonia on the basis of shared history and traditionally close ties.

Minister Selakovic noted that Serbia had an interest for the further promotion of cooperation, continued political dialogue and exchange of visits at all levels. Furthermore, the Minister stressed the need to intensify activities in preparation of the upcoming, third joint session of the two Governments.

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The Serbian Foreign Minister underlined that Serbia was committed to developing the relations with North Macedonia further, on the basis of the August 2017 agreement reached between President Aleksandar Vucic and Prime Minister Zoran Zaev which implied commitment to resolving all issues through dialogue, promotion of friendly relations between peoples and citizens, promotion of cooperation in economy and trade, intensification of mutual communication at the highest level, mutual support along the European path and the strengthening of good-neighbourly relations in support of regional stability.

Minister Selakovic said that a closer economic connectivity in the region, achieved through initiatives such as "mini-Schengen" among others, would also facilitate the resolution of political misunderstandings and disagreement.

In today's meeting, Minister Selakovic emphasized Serbia's commitment to further develop cooperation with North Macedonia, at the bilateral level as well as in the framework of regional

cooperation, while respecting interests of both sides and pursuing a policy of good-neighbourly relations and cooperation with no consequences to the interests of any country in the region.

Minister Selakovic took the opportunity to extend to Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia Bujar Osmani an invitation for a visit to Serbia.