



Government of the Republic of North Macedonia

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To: Mr. Janez Lenarčič
Commissioner for Crisis Management

Dear Commissioner Lenarčič,

As we are all facing the challenge to contain and fight the consequences of the COVID-19, which is spreading in unprecedented manner, it is our utmost priority to protect the health of our citizens and personnel on the frontline.

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus in the country, the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia has been undertaking measures to respond effectively and efficiently to the pandemic by using all available mechanisms and resources.

However, as the number of infected persons increases daily, and the situation with the spread of COVID-19 is highly unpredictable at this point, it is becoming evident that we will need more resources.

I hereby would like to inform you of our intent, as a participating state, to formally activate the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and request support for fighting the consequences of COVID-19 pandemic. The request will include support in terms of medical supplies and goods as well as field emergency response equipment.

In line with the established procedures, the Directorate for Protection and Rescue of North Macedonia, will send shortly formal request with specific indication of the type and quantities of medical equipment and supplies needed.



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As the country has already had positive experiences with the use of assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism during the 2016 floods, I believe in your positive response to our request.

Sincerely,



Dr. Bujar Osmani
Deputy Prime Minister in charge of EU Affairs

cc: Mr. Olivér Várhelyi
Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Accession Negotiations