



Summary

The Foreign Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), Nikola Poposki, welcomed the EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle's proposal for a tripartite meeting with Greek Foreign Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos on the name issue (focus-fen.net, BG, 16/1). Mr Füle sent a letter on 20 December to the Greek Foreign Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos, asking Athens to keep him informed about the talks and suggesting a meeting between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries and him, for the promotion of the Greek proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding. However, according to Ethnos, (EL, 17/1) Mr Avramopoulos rejected his proposal. The Greek side is awaiting the coming meeting of the representatives of the two sides with Mr Nimetz, the UN Special Representative for the naming dispute, scheduled for the end of January in New York to determine whether there are prospects for progress and consequently at this stage, there will not be a meeting between the Ministers of the two countries and Mr Füle (e-typos.com, EL,16/1).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 16/1, <http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n297033>
- Ethnos, EL, 17/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130117/mi/item_145469876.pdf
- e-typos.com, EL,16/1, <http://www.e-typos.com/Post.aspx?id=27703&title=%25CE%2595%25CE%25BB%25CE%25BB%25CE%25B7%25CE%25BD%25CE%25B9%25CE%25BA%25CF%258C%2520%2526quot%253B%25CF%258C%25CF%2587%25CE%25B9%2526quot%253B%2520%25CF%2583%25CF%2584%25CE%25B7%25CE%25BD%2520%25CF%2580%25C>

Serbia is considering the possibility of Kosovo joining the UN and although Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dačić was reported to have said "We can agree on everything" (mediafax.ro, RO, 16/1), President Tomislav Nikolic rejected any possibility of Serbia agreeing to breakaway Kosovo's bid to join the United Nations on Wednesday claiming to an audience of reporters in Belgrade "Serbia will never recognise the independence of Kosovo and therefore Kosovo will not have a seat at the UN." (Liberation, FR, 17/1). Serbian and Kosovo Prime Ministers Ivica Dačić and Hashim Thaçi are due to meet again with high EU foreign policy Catherine Ashton (sta.si, SI, 17/1)

- mediafax.ro, RO, 16/1, <http://www.mediafax.ro/externe/belgradul-nu-exclude-posibilitatea-aderarii-kosovo-la-onu-10475450>
- Liberation, FR, 17/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130117/mi/item_145430625.pdf
- sta.si, SI, 17/1, <http://sta.si/vest.php?s=s&id=1843248>

Philip Reeker, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs stated today that the US Government urges Croatia and Slovenia to implement urgent efforts to solve the Ljubljanska banka (LB) savers dispute, adding that it is important that Slovenia ratify Croatia's accession treaty. He added that the dispute is a complex problem, but not an American issue (sta.si, SI, 16/1).

- sta.si, SI, 16/1, <http://sta.si/vest.php?s=s&id=1842931>

Key Quotes

The French parliament ratified the treaty of accession of Croatia to the European Union (Les Echos, France, 18/1)

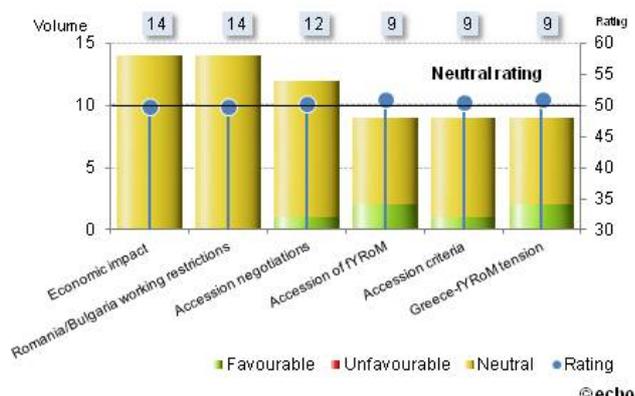
<http://www.lesechos.fr/economie-politique/politique/actu/0202506906215-le-parlement-a-adopte-le-traite-d-adhesion-de-la-croatie-a-l-union-529913.php>

Prime Ministers of Kosovo and Serbia – Hashim Thaci and Ivica Dacic, reached a customs agreement during the meeting organised under the mediation of High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, in Brussels (Focus News, Bulgaria, 18/1)

<http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n297169>

Charts

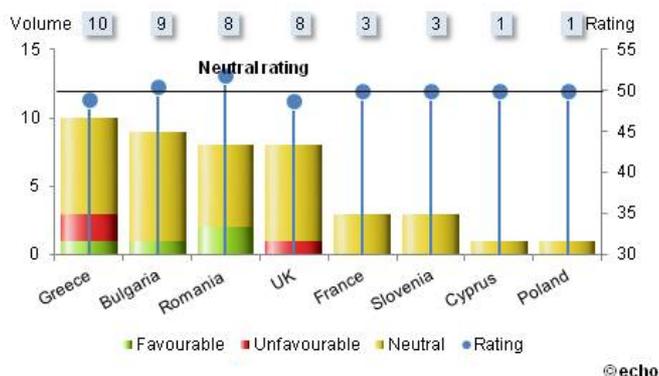
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ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	9
Dimitris Avramopoulos (Foreign Minister, Greece)	9
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	8
David Cameron (Prime Minister, UK)	8
Grigoris Delavekouras (Greek Foreign Ministry spokesman)	7
Matthew Nimetz (Special Representative for the naming dispute between Greece and the fYRoM, UN)	7
Nikola Poposki (Foreign Minister, fYRoM)	6

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