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TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, July 26, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- UN Special Envoy Matthew Nimetz told [Macedonian](#) Human Rights Movement International representatives: “Off the

record – If I were Macedonian, I would not negotiate my [name](#)”. The first mediator for the name dispute, Robin O’Neil, has come out repeatedly against the name negotiations and has implored [Macedonia](#) to stop negotiating. Although Nimetz said that his comments were “off the record”, MHRMI asked him why he wouldn’t make his feelings public, resign and denounce the name negotiations as an attack on Macedonia’s most basic of rights as Robin O’Neil did. As we have seen with the tremendous amount of pressure on Macedonia to change its name to appease its oppressor, Greece, we have decided to make Matthew Nimetz’s feelings public on his behalf.

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logical.

MHRMI reiterates its demand that all Macedonian political parties and politicians denounce the name negotiations and put an immediate end to them. As has been painfully evident by Prime Minister Zaev’s recent statements in Bulgaria, he is willing to sell out Macedonia’s age-old name, ethnic origin and identity all to appease the European Union, NATO and the United States. VMRO, you had the chance to end the so-called “name dispute” while in government but chose not to. Denounce the name negotiations immediately. Prime Minister Zaev, you cannot negotiate what isn’t yours. Act in Macedonia’s best interest for once and end the negotiations.

As MHRMI’s Our Name Is Macedonia campaign says “Who Gave You the Right to Negotiate My



Name?" Demand respect for Macedonia. Now.

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