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GUIDANCE ON DEPICTION OF  
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The following guidance supercedes Guidance Bulletin No. 6, "Guidance on Depiction of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia," issued July 14, 1992.

1. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is to be depicted as an independent state.
2. The boundaries separating The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from Serbia, Bulgaria, Albania, and Greece are to be depicted as international boundaries.
3. Use of the marginal notation, "Macedonia has proclaimed independent statehood, but has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States," is discontinued.
4. The conventional long-form name as approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is **The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**. There is no short-form name. This name is provisional and subject to future review. The name "Macedonia" **should not** be used.
5. The name "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" is to be depicted in the typeface used for independent states.
6. The name "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" may be abbreviated as "F.Y.R.O.M." where space precludes use of the full name. This abbreviation should retain the periods, and should be referenced to a marginal note spelling the name out in full.
7. The national capital of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is **Skopje**.
8. The FIPS 10-3 country code for The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is **MK**.

Background. On February 8, 1994, the United States recognized The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as an independent state. Full diplomatic relations between The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United States are in the process of being established.

Action. Please disseminate this guidance to all personnel in your organization concerned with cartographic production.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William B. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "B".

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