



THE PATRIARCH OF SERBIA

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In Belgrade,  
On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2005

C O N F I R M A T I O N

of the election of His Eminence the Metropolitan of Veles and Vardar Valley  
Kyr JOHN  
to be Archbishop of Ohrid and Metropolitan of Skopje,  
The Chairman of the Holy Synod of Bishops  
of the autonomous Orthodox Ohrid Archbishopric and the Prelate thereof

WE,

by the grace of God Archbishop of Pec,  
Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovci and  
Patriarch of Serbia

Pursuant to item 5 of the Agreement for establishment of church unity, signed in Nish on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May in the year of our Lord 2002, thereafter being approved by the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church (AS No. 38/rec.16 dated on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2002), and to the Report submitted by His Eminence the Metropolitan of Veles and Vardar Valley Kyr John, Our Exarch for all the dioceses of the Orthodox Ohrid Archbishopric, No. 41 dated on 2nd of March in the year of our Lord 2004 on the establishment of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the aforesaid Archbishopric and on the election of the Chairman of the Holy Synod of Bishops thereof, herewith and hereby officially

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proclaim and acknowledge the election of His Eminence the Metropolitan of Veles and Vardar Valley Kyr John, Our beloved brother in Christ and fellow minister and former Exarch of the Orthodox Ohrid Archbishopric, to be the Archbishop of Ohrid and the Metropolitan of Skopje, the Chairman of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Ohrid Archbishopric and the Prelate thereof,

We declare to and inform all the Prelates that His Beatitude the Archbishop of Ohrid and the Metropolitan of Skopje Kyr John is a canonical and lawful Prelate of the Ohrid Archbishopric, the autonomous Orthodox Church within the frames of the Serbian Patriarchate from now on and hereafter this certification of ours, and that He shall be recognised and honoured by all as such, and that the pious clergy and laymen of the Ohrid Archbishopric shall obey and follow Him with love as the Archpriest thereof.

The Archbishop of Pec,  
Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovci and  
Patriarch of Serbia  
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