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Dear Mr Mladenov,

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of 4 May 2010 addressed to the Director-General drawing her attention to the alleged destruction of a number of Bulgarian monuments, cemeteries and tombstones in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Please be advised that the Secretariat has brought this matter to the attention of the relevant authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, informing them that, should these allegations be confirmed, such acts would be in contradiction with the existing international standards for the protection of cultural heritage, and requesting their comments. We will keep you informed of their response.

We appreciate your interest in UNESCO's efforts to safeguard cultural heritage.

Yours sincerely,



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