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This article focuses on examining the causality between the international system and the resilience of small states and explains the experience of the Republic of Macedonia, which has been trying to join international organizations since 1991, as a case study. In this context, it proceeds from the basic assumption that the weaknesses of the state and their perception by the international system play a critical role in small state resilience. The article analyzes the critical weaknesses of the liberal international orders approach to neglecting small states, then examines the critical vulnerabilities and advantages of small states that lead to the emergence of weak or failed states in the international system. In addition to explaining a unique example of a country changing its name to enter an international alliance, the article clarifies the direct relationship between the status of small states in the international system and the predatory nature of the liberal international order that creates a precarious future for small states.

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