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## ADDENDUM TO THE ACTION PLAN OF JULY 2021

*Neshkov and Others v. Bulgaria (pilot judgment)*  
*Kehayov v. Bulgaria* group of cases

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This addendum is prepared with some clarifications regarding the individual measures.

In addition to the information concerning the conditions of detention, as regards the applicants *Halil Adem Hasan, Stoyan Petrov, Iordan Petrov, Lazar Kolev* (the case of *Petrov and others v. Bulgaria*), *Plamen Staykov, Dimitar Angelov, Asen Iliev* and *Pogosyan-Ahenobarb*, it seems useful to be pointed out that none of them has used the preventive remedy under Art. 276 of the Execution of Punishments and Pre-Trial Detention Act.

The applicant *Tsvetan Rangelov* (the case of *Gospodinov and others v. Bulgaria*) has initiated in 2019 a case under Art. 276 and the court proceedings has been terminated. The case concerns complaint that the prison governor has not accepted the applicant to work at the prison's kitchen. The administrative court has established that the applicant is engaged in weaving frames for beehives at the Furniture Workshop. There is no obligation of the prison administration to assign the prisoner exactly the work he has requested and the decision what kind of employment is provided is not amenable to judicial review. Thus, the administrative court has accepted the application as inadmissible.

As regards the applicant *Iordan Petrov* (the case of *Petrov and others v. Bulgaria*), accommodated in Varna Prison, it should be specified that he has constant access to toilet and running water in his dormitory.

As regards the applicant *Plamen Staykov* (the case of *Gospodinov and others v. Bulgaria*), he is accommodated in the group for detainees. He has possibility for movement and communication with the other detainees in the day time and to participate in the following activities organized by the Stara Zagora Prison administration – group programs “*Life problems solving through a change in thinking*”, “*Responsible driving*”, “*Personal-behavioral development*”, long-term specialized group work for “*Violent offenders*”, “*Alcoholics Anonymous*”.

Various cultural and information activities are being realized on the territory of the prison, club forms in which those interested could take part: quizzes, making decorations and posters, program “*Shared Knowledge*” – for prisoners with motivation and skills for conducting educational programs, “*Cambridge*” Club – the main methods of work are coaching approach, practices, meditations and breathing exercises, through which prisoners are taught to overcome emotional and behavioral problems, to solve recurring life failures and to build stable relationships with

others, Readers' Club, Art Club - the meetings are held weekly, in the form of an open studio, Library, Club "Sports and Spirit", Fitness Hall, Falun Dafa, Icarus Boxing Club. Health talks are held, religious support is provided by representatives of different religions, professional qualifications improvement courses are held, participation in employment and more.

The Committee of Ministers will be duly informed of any further developments.