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Communication de la Bulgarie concernant le groupe d'affaires UMO ILINDEN ET AUTRES c. Bulgarie (requête n° 59491/00) (*anglais uniquement*)

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## ADDENDUM TO THE ACTION PLAN

### *UMO Ilinden group of judgements*

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The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria would like to report the following progress regarding the execution of the “*UMO Ilinden* group vs. Bulgaria” of ECtHR judgments:

By an Order of the Minister of Justice's, dated 2 September 2024, a working group is established concerning the execution of the ECtHR's judgments in the "UMO Ilinden vs. Bulgaria" group of cases. The working group's task is to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the need for legislative amendments by March 2, 2025, and, if required, to propose such amendments in compliance with Article 11 of the Convention.

The first meeting of the working group took place on 11 September 2024<sup>1</sup>. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Minister of Justice, with participation of the representatives from the executive and judiciary powers as well as the academia.

At the first meeting, there was a presentation of the main findings of the ECtHR. The group also discussed the progress achieved in the execution of the abovementioned judgements under the supervision of the Committee of Ministers. During the discussion among the participants, it was decided on the further activities of the working group.

Taking into consideration the competence of the different participants, the Deputy Minister of Justice designated specific tasks. Those tasks included preparation of a comparative analysis of the legislation and registration procedures of the EU Member States, detailed statistics and concrete proposals for further action.

The subsequent meeting of the working group is scheduled for 5 November 2024.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria will provide further information to the Committee of Ministers in due time.

13 September 2024

Sofia, Bulgaria

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<sup>1</sup> <https://justice.government.bg/home/index/85d19bca-5fb2-4c72-b2cc-bf407bcc2bdd>



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## **ORDER**

***Nº LS-13-105/02.09.2024***

Persuant Art. 25, para. 4 and Art. 45, para. 1 and 3 of the Law on Administration, and Art. 5, item 2 of the Organizational Rules of the Ministry of Justice and in connection with a report with reg. No. 99-00-121/17.07.2024 regarding the formation of a working group for possible legislative amendments in connection with the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in the group of cases "OMO Ilinden and others v. Bulgaria" (application No. 59491/00)

### **I ORDER:**

**I. I am creating a working group consisting of:**

### **HEAD:**

**Spaska Kincheva – Deputy Minister of Justice**

### **MEMBERS:**

- 1. Kostadinka Nedkova** – judge in the Commercial Section of the Supreme Court of Cassation;
- 2. Donka Chakarova** – judge in the Fifth Department of the Supreme Administrative Court;
- 3. Daniela Bozhkova-Ilieva** – prosecutor in Department 09 of the Supreme Prosecutor's Office;
- 4. Hristo Angelov** – prosecutor in Department 09 of the Supreme Prosecutor's Office;
- 5. Maria Raikinska** – judge in the Sofia Court of Appeal;

- 6. Chonka Kovacheva** - Director of Directorate "International Standards and Regulations" at the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- 7. Alexandra Valcheva** – chief expert in the "Complaints Control, International Activity and Projects" Directorate at the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- 8. Angel Banzhov** - Director of Directorate “Human Rights” at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- 9. Yordanka Parparova** – senior diplomatic officer in the Directorate “Human Rights” at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- 10. Dora Zgurovska** - Head of the Department "International Legal Affairs" in the Directorate "European Union and International Cooperation" at the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- 11. Elitsa Semerdzhieva-Trifonova** - chief legal advisor in the Department "International Legal Affairs" in the Directorate "European Union and International Cooperation" at the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- 12. Bilyana Stoykova** - chief legal advisor in the Directorate "Legal and Normative Activity" in the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- 13. Maria Doceva-Hristova** – registration official at the Registration Agency;
- 14. Rositsa Manolova** – registration official at the Registration Agency;
- 15. Yordanka Ruseva** – registration official at the Registration Agency;
- 16. Boyko Padarski** - Chief Secretary of the Executive Agency for Bulgarians Abroad;
- 17. Chetin Kazak** - full-time lecturer in the "Law" department of the New Bulgarian University;
- 18. Alexandra Valcheva** – associate professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of National and World Economy;
- 19. Milena Kotseva** - Director of the Directorate "Procedural Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria before the European Court of Human Rights" in the Ministry of Justice;
- 20. Veselina Hristova** - government agent in the Directorate "Procedural Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria before the European Court of Human Rights" in the Ministry of Justice;
- 21. Maria Tsocheva** - government agent in the Directorate "Procedural Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria before the European Court of Human Rights" in the Ministry of Justice;
- 22. Galina Dimitrova** – state expert in the Directorate "Council of Legislation" in the Ministry of Justice;
- 23. Filip Savov** – state expert in the Directorate "Council of Legislation" in the Ministry of Justice;
- 24. Goryana Todeva** - chief expert in the Directorate "Council of Legislation" in the Ministry of Justice and coordinator of the working group;

**II. By 2 March 2025**, the working group should prepare a complete analysis of the need for legislative amendments and, in case of necessity, to propose such, in view of the implementation of Art. 11 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

**III.** In the course of carrying out the tasks under item II, the working group may additionally attract other experts.

I will personally supervise the execution of the order.

The order should be brought to the attention of the head and members of the working group.

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE:**

*(SIGNATURE)*

**MARIA PAVLOVA**

**MINISTER OF JUSTICE**