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**FOLLOW-UP  
OF CASE FILES**

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**Subject: Follow-up of case files under the Bern Convention**

Dear Ms Obretenova,

Following your request of 6 June 2016, and in view of the meeting of the Bureau of the Standing Committee under the Bern Convention on 5-6 September 2016, please find attached the European Commission's updates on the queried case files.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: update on case files

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## **FOLLOW-UP OF CASE FILES (JULY 2016)**

### **1. Complaint No. 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra – Via Pontica**

In its judgement of 14 January 2016<sup>1</sup>, the Court of Justice of the European Union ruled against Bulgaria in case number C-141/14 brought by the European Commission against the country over its failure to protect unique habitats and important species in the Kaliakra special protection area at the Black Sea coast.

The European Commission is currently in dialogue with the Bulgarian national authorities about the implementation of the court judgement.

### **3. Complaint No 2010/5: Greece: Threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias**

The Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union issued her conclusions on case number C-504/14 on 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2016<sup>2</sup>. The Court ruling is currently awaited.

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<http://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=173520&pageIndex=0&doclang=en&mode=lst&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=898545>

<sup>2</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62014CC0504>