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NOTE

from:	Bulgarian delegation
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Subject:	Statements by Bulgaria in the context of the implementation of the European arrest warrant with reference to Framework Decision 584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States

Bulgaria has transposed Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States through the **Law on Extradition and the European Arrest Warrant**, published in State Gazette No 46/3.6.2005 and effective from 4 July 2005. This Law was subsequently amended, published in State Gazette No 86/28.10.2005, and came into effect on 29 April 2006.

The internal legal provisions implementing Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 **enter into force on the date of Bulgaria's accession to the European Union, i.e. on 1 January 2007.**

On the basis of the relevant provisions of its legislation, Bulgaria would make the following statements regarding the implementation of Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States:

Statement under Article 6(3)

- (a) Bulgaria designates **the relevant prosecutor – for accused (in the pre-trial phase of criminal proceedings) or sentenced persons – and the relevant court – for defendants (in the trial phase of criminal proceedings) – as the authorities competent to issue a European arrest warrant (issuing judicial authorities);**
- (b) Bulgaria designates **the district courts as the judicial authorities competent to execute a European arrest warrant** issued by a judicial authority of another Member State of the European Union **(executing judicial authorities).**

In Bulgaria there are 28 district courts and their contact data is enclosed in the Annex hereto.

The execution of a European arrest warrant is entrusted to the district court on the territory of which the requested person is located. To identify the Bulgarian executing judicial authority competent in each individual case, the foreign issuing judicial authority or foreign central authority may consult the information concerning Bulgaria available in the European Arrest Warrant Atlas on the European Judicial Network website.

In addition, requests for assistance may be made to Bulgaria's national contact points for the European Judicial Network, details of which may be found on the EJN website (www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu).

Statement under Article 7

The central authority designated by Bulgaria to assist the judicial authorities is the **Minister of Justice**.

The central authority is competent to receive a European arrest warrant issued by a judicial authority in another Member State of the European Union and to forward it to the Bulgarian executing judicial authority if the issuing judicial authority does not succeed in transmitting the European arrest warrant directly to the Bulgarian executing judicial authority.

The central authority is competent to forward a European arrest warrant issued by a Bulgarian judicial authority if the latter is unable to transmit it directly to the foreign executing judicial authority or the executing Member State has designated the Ministry of Justice as the receiving authority.

The contact details of the central authorities are as follows:

Министерство на правосъдието

Дирекция „Международно сътрудничество и европейска интеграция”

Отдел „Международна правна помощ”

(Ministry of Justice, Directorate of International Cooperation and European Integration, Department for International Legal Assistance)

Str. Slavyanska 1, 1040 Sofia

Telephone: 00359 2 9237 514; 00359 2 9237 545

Fax: 00359 2980 92 22

e-mail: maleva@justice.government.bg

Statement under Article 8(2)

A European arrest warrant transmitted for execution to the Bulgarian authorities must be translated into Bulgarian.

Statement under Article 25(2)

Bulgaria designates the Minister of Justice as the authority responsible for receiving transit requests and the necessary documents, as well as any other official correspondence relating to transit requests. The Minister will immediately send a request to the Supreme Cassation Prosecution Office, which will grant the transit of the requested person through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and inform the requesting Member State of its decision.

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DISTRICT COURTS**SOFIA CITY COURT**

Address: София 1000, Витоша 2
(Sofia 1000, Vitosha 2)

Tel.: 00359 2/9219788

Fax: 00359 2/9813740

E-mail: sofcourt@tea.bg

SOFIA DISTRICT COURT

Address: София 1000, Витоша 2
(Sofia 1000, Vitosha 2)

Tel.: 00359 2/9815742

Fax: 00359 2/9862368

E-mail: sd_court@abv.bg

BLAGOEVGRAD DISTRICT COURT

Address: Благоевград 2700, В.Левски 1
(Blagoevgrad 2700, V. Levski 1)

Tel.: 00359 73/88 98 40

Fax: 00359 73/3 03 96

E-mail: court@pirin.com

Website: <http://blagoevgrad.court-bg.org>

BURGAS DISTRICT COURT

Address: Бургас 8000, Александровска 101
(Burgas 8000, Alexandrovska 101)

Tel.: 00359 56/879 400

Fax: 00359 56/811 136

E-mail: osburgas@abv.bg

Website: <http://www.osburgas.org>

VARNA DISTRICT COURT

Address: Варна 9000, Независимост 2
(Varna 9000, Nezavisimost 2)

Tel.: 00359 52/620 777

Fax: 00359 52/617 953

E-mail: presidentvos@vcourts.org

Website: http://www.vcourts.org/os_court.htm

VELIKO TARNOVO DISTRICT COURT

Address: Велико Търново 5000, В.Левски 16
(Veliko Tarnovo 5000, V. Levski 16)

Tel.: 00359 62/603 079

Fax: 00359 62/620 087

E-mail: osadvtt@vali.bg

VIDIN DISTRICT COURT

Address: Видин 3700, Бдинци 1
(Vidin 3700, Bdintsi 1)
Tel.: 00359 94/600980
Fax: 00359 94/600958
E-mail: os_vidin@yahoo.com

VRATSA DISTRICT COURT

Address: Враца 3000, Христо Ботев 29
(Vratsa 3000, Christo Botev 29)
Tel.: 00359 92/20065
E-mail: gagova@abv.bg

GABROVO DISTRICT COURT

Address: Габрово 5300, Възраждане 1
(Gabrovo 5300, Vazrajthane 1)
Tel.: 00359 66/806848
Fax: 00359 66/804679
E-mail: justice@court-gbr.com
Website: <http://www.court-gbr.com>

DOBRICH DISTRICT COURT

Address: Добрич 9300, Константин Стоилов 7
(Dobrich 9300, Konstantin Stoilov 7)

Tel.: 00359 58/600 430

Fax: 00359 58/601 480

E-mail: courtdb@db.vega.bg

KARDZHALI DISTRICT COURT

Address: Кърджали 6600, Беломорски 48
(Kardzhali 6600, Belomorski 48)

Tel.: 00359 361/6 27 07

Fax: 00359 361/6 27 08

E-mail: okrsad_kj@mbox.contact.bg

KYUSTENDIL DISTRICT COURT

Address: Кюстендил 2500, Гороцветна 31
(Kyustendil 2500, Gorotsvetna 31)

Tel.: 00359 78/50464

Fax: 00359 78/50468

E-mail: kos_bambov@infotel.bg

LOVECH DISTRICT COURT

Address: Ловеч 5500, Търговска 41А
(Lovech 5500, Targovska 41A)

Tel.: 00359 68/27811

Fax: 00359 68/48902

E-mail: Okr-sadlch@mbox.digsis.bg

MONTANA DISTRICT COURT

Address: Монтана 3400, В.Левски 24
(Montana 3400, V. Levski 24)
Tel.: 00359 96/306 281
Fax: 00359 96/300654

PAZARDZHIK DISTRICT COURT

Address: Пазарджик 4400, Хан Крум 3
(Pazardzhik 4400, Khan Krum 3)
Tel.: 00359 34/44 49 66
Fax: 00359 34/44 49 22
E-mail: okrs@cybcom.net

PERNIK DISTRICT COURT

Address: Перник 2300, Търговска 37
(Pernik 2300, Targovska 37)
Tel.: 00359 76/647012
Fax: 00359 76/604441

PLEVEN DISTRICT COURT

Address: Плевен 5800, Д.Константинов 25
(Pleven 5800, D. Konstantinov 25)
Tel.: 00359 64/892913
Fax: 00359 64/800916
E-mail: os_pleven@abv.bg

PLOVDIV DISTRICT COURT

Address: Пловдив 4000, Шести септември 167
(Plovdiv 4000, 6 September St 167)
Tel.: 00395 32/623638; 00359 32/623127
Fax: 00359 32/623129; 00359 32/623127
E-mail: pvokrsad@dir.bg
Website: <http://www.os-plovdiv.com>

RAZGRAD DISTRICT COURT

Address: Разград 7200, Независимост
(Razgrad 7200, Nezavisimost)
Tel.: 00359 84/660537
Fax: 00359 84/660179

RUSE DISTRICT COURT

Address: Русе 7000, Александровска 57
(Ruse 7000, Alexandrovska 57)
Tel.: 00359 82/825 451; 00359 82/825 453
Fax: 00359 82/825 469
E-mail: ros@infoel.net

SILISTRA DISTRICT COURT

Address: Силистра 7500 Симеон Велики 23
(Silistra 7500, Simeon Veliki 23)

Tel.: 00359 86/820 377

Fax: 00359 86/820 378

E-mail: sos_silistra@abv.bg

Website: <http://www.legalregion-ss.com>

SLIVEN DISTRICT COURT

Address: Сливен 8800, Хаджи Димитър 2
(Sliven 8800, Hadzhi Dimitar 2)

Tel.: 00359 44/662839

Fax: 00395 44/662043

E-mail: os_sliven@slivenbg.net

Website: <http://www.court.sliven.net>

SMOLYAN DISTRICT COURT

Address: Смолян 4700, България 16
(Smolyan 4700, Bulgaria 16)

Tel.: 00359 301/6 28 12

Fax: 00359 301/6 23 02

E-mail: m_andr@avb.bg

Website: <http://www.ch-sm.hit.bg>

STARA ZAGORA DISTRICT COURT

Address: Стара Загора 6000, бул."Митрополит
Методий Кусев" 33
(Stara Zagora 6000, Metropolitan Metodi
Kushev Blvd 33)

Tel.: 00359 42/60 30 49

Fax: 00359 42/25 10 02

E-mail: osstz@osstz.com

Website: <http://www.osstz.com>

TARGOVISHTA DISTRICT COURT

Address: Търговище 7700, Свобода
(Targovishte 7700, Svoboda)

Tel.: 00359 601/62129

Fax: 00359 601/65679

E-mail: os_tar@tshte.net

KHASKOVO DISTRICT COURT

Address: Хасково 6300, България 144
(Khaskovo 6300, Bulgaria 144)

Tel.: 00359 38/624332

Fax: 00359 38/664729

E-mail: sud@escom.bg

SHUMEN DISTRICT COURT

Address: Шумен 9700, Съединение 1
(Shumen 9700, Saedinenie 1)

Tel.: 00359 54/850333

Fax: 00359 54/31087

E-mail: shos@court-sh.org

Website: <http://www.court-sh.org>

YAMBOL DISTRICT COURT

Address: Ямбол 8600, Жорж Папазов 1
(Yambol 8600, George Papazov 1)

Tel.: 00359 46/68 88 22

Fax: 00359 46/66 20 73

E-mail: os_yambol@lex.bg

Website: http://www.lex.bg/members/os_yambol
