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From : Stanislav DASKALOV, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the EU

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To : Mr. Javier SOLANA, Secretary General/High Representative

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Subject : Declaration by the Republic of Bulgaria, pursuant to Article 15(3) of Directive 2006/24/EC on Data Retention

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Dear Mr. **Solana**,

I have the pleasure to extend my most sincere compliments to you and to address you further to the provisions of Directive 2006/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks and amending Directive 2002/58/EC, and in particular Article 15(3) thereof.

The afore-mentioned Directive provides for a number of new obligations for the Internet service providers that would require substantial investments and additional organisational arrangements. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Article 15(3) of the Directive, the Republic of Bulgaria would like to postpone the implementation of the obligations imposed on the Internet service providers by the aforementioned legislative act by 15 March 2009.

In this respect, I would like to present to you the Declaration of the Republic of Bulgaria Pursuant to Article 15 (3) of Directive 2006/24/EC and to request your assistance for its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

I would like to recall that the Republic of Bulgaria informed the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union of its intention to file such a declaration in its position on the Draft Directive within the framework of the information and consultation procedure agreed for the period preceding the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria to the EU (6440/06 IC 1 COPEN 17 TELECOM 8 CODEC 157).

(Complimentary close)

(s.) Stanislav **DASKALOV**

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**Declaration of the Republic of Bulgaria**  
**Pursuant to Article 15 (3) of Directive 2006/24/EC**

Bulgaria declares, in accordance with Article 15(3) of the Directive on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks and amending Directive 2002/58/EC, that it will postpone application of that Directive to the retention of communications data relating to Internet access, Internet telephony and Internet e-mail until 15 March 2009.

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