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To: Delegations

Subject: Submission by Bulgaria for formal approval by the Council of draft design for 2 euro commemorative coin

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1. Pursuant to Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation¹ (hereafter 'the Council Regulation'), Bulgaria submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft design for:
 - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued on the second half of 2026, dedicated to the Bulgarian alphabet which is one of the oldest alphabets in Europe (the draft design is set out in the Annex to the present note);
2. In accordance with Article 10(4) of the Council Regulation, any Member State whose currency is the euro may, in a reasoned opinion addressed to the Council and to the Commission, raise an objection to the draft design proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens.

¹ OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

3. In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considers that the draft design does not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it shall submit a negative assessment to the Council.
4. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 27 May, the decision approving the design shall be deemed to be adopted by the Council on the first day following the expiry of this time limit, pursuant to Article 10(6) of the Council Regulation.²
5. An Information Note to the Council acknowledging the end of this procedure and setting out the results will be issued by the General Secretariat of the Council.

² The seven-day time limit and the date of adoption referred to in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 are determined in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time limits (OJ L 124, 8.6.1971, p. 1).

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Subject: Submission for approval of the design of the national side of a new €2 commemorative coin for 2026

Dear Madams and Sirs,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No.729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation and Regulation (EU) No 651/2012 of the European parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on the issuance of euro coins, Bulgarian National Bank hereby submits the design of the national side of the €2 commemorative coin which is intended to be issued in 2026.

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The €2 commemorative coin is dedicated to the Bulgarian alphabet which is one of the oldest alphabets in Europe.

In the centre of the national side of the coin is depicted a composition of letters of the Bulgarian alphabet, as part of the inscription "BULGARIAN ALPHABET", and below it is horizontally written "BULGARIA" and the year of issue "2026". The coin's outer ring displays the 12 stars of the flag of the European Union.

The national side of the coin was designed by author's collective - Svetlin Balezdrov and Stoyan Dechev.

The edge of the coin will be the same as on the €2 circulation coins issued by the Bulgarian national Bank: the inscription "БОЖЕ ПАЗИ БЪЛГАРИЯ" ("GOD PROTECT BULGARIA") is written twice, both normally and in reverse.

The mintage will be 1,000,000 pcs with UNC-quality.

The issuance is foreseen for the second half of 2026.

In the event of a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) № 1049/2001, we allow the EU institutions to disclose the submitted draft national design and the correspondence related thereto to the public prior to the publication of the final design in the Official Journal of the EU.

Please find attached a copy of the design.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Tzvetkov
Chief Cashier

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