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ASSOCIATION OF THE JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION SOFIA, BULGARIA

Subject: Support for proposed amendments to the Judiciary Act

Dear Mr Nikolov,

On behalf of the Europäische Union der Rechtspfleger (EUR), an organisation that also works to uphold the rights and working conditions of judicial officers across Europe, we would like to express our support for the legislative amendments to the Judiciary Act of Bulgaria proposed by the Association for the Administration of Justice. These amendments are, in the opinion of the Association for the Administration of Justice in Bulgaria, a crucial step towards strengthening the judicial system by ensuring fair working conditions, improved professional safeguards and greater institutional efficiency for judicial officers.

Judicial officials play an indispensable role in upholding the rule of law, access to justice and the overall integrity of the judiciary. Throughout the European Union and beyond, good practice emphasises that an independent, well-supported and adequately resourced judiciary is fundamental to democratic governance and the protection of fundamental rights.

The reforms advocated by the Association of Justice Administration are aimed at bringing the Bulgarian legal framework into line with these established European standards and promoting a more resilient and effective justice system. In this regard, we request that the Bulgarian authorities, including the Parliament, the Ministry of Justice and all relevant stakeholders, give due consideration to these necessary improvements. The implementation of these changes should not only strengthen the judiciary, but also increase public trust in the legal system and reinforce Bulgaria's commitment to the rule of law and European democratic values.

We, the European Union of Rechtspfleger (EUR), in accordance with our statutes, stand by our colleagues, the Association of the Administration of Justice, in their efforts to improve the rights and professional conditions of judicial officers.

Kind regards,

Walter Szöky, President of the EUR