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Dear Ms Guyaurova-Wegertseder,

I would like to thank you for the letter received on 19 December regarding the recent nominations of judicial inspectors by the legal committee of the Bulgarian Parliament, which was sent in the name of several non-governmental organisations in Bulgaria.

The way in which appraisals, appointments and elections within the judiciary are carried out is of direct relevance to the Commission's assessment of progress in judicial reform in Bulgaria under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism. It is indeed important that such senior appointments satisfy the highest standards of transparency and objectivity in order to inspire public confidence into the Bulgarian judiciary. The follow-up to a specific recommendation on this matter included in the July 2011 report under the CVM will be carefully examined by the Commission.

Civil society organisations play an important role in judicial reform in Bulgaria, and I would like to thank you for keeping us informed about your perspective on recent developments.

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Day