



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
PRIME MINISTER**

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**DR. Rachel Ehrenfeld
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Dear DR. Ehrenfeld,

Your team's evaluation of and suggestions to better tackle Bulgaria's problems with organized crime and corruption have been both illuminating and instructive.

As you note in your report, in addition to new legislation, we have created new offices to better monitor EU funds; implement existing laws; facilitate sophisticated investigations of new serious crimes; increase unannounced audits and better monitor the judicial process.

We are committed to bring criminal organizations to justice and introduce new public procurement laws and ethical conduct standards to all our public sector employees. We have a new Hot Line to report suspicious corruption in law enforcement and the judiciary, and will expand it to facilitate reporting of suspicious corruption among all public officials.

Together with my able team, we are finalizing the details for a national ongoing campaign to mobilize the Bulgarian people and the public sector to join our efforts to rid Bulgaria of these problems so that genuine reforms can take place to improve the judicial process, the economy and the safety of our nation.


SERGEI STANISHEV