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To:	Delegations
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	- Bulgaria's nomination for a Member of the European Commission

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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter, dated 3 July 2023, from Mr Rumen ALEXANDROV, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union.

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION  
REPRESENTATION PERMANENTE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE BULGARIE AUPRES DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE

The Permanent Representative  
Le Représentant Permanent

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**DEAR MINISTER,  
DEAR SECRETARY-GENERAL,**

I would like to inform you that following consultations with the President of the European Commission, the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria nominates Ms Iliana Ivanova as Member of the European Commission from Bulgaria.

Ms Ivanova has significant experience on EU matters, having been a member of the European Court of Auditors since 2013. Prior to that, she was a member of the European Parliament, between 2009 and 2012, and a vice chair of the Committee on budgetary control (see attached CV).

Her expertise combined with professional attitude will, without doubt, contribute to the successful fulfilment of the role of Commissioner in charge of Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth for the remaining term of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

**RUMEN ALEXANDROV,  
AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE EU**

**Attachment:** CV of Ms Iliana Ivanova

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**Iliana IVANOVA**

Born on Sep 14th 1975 in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

**Education:**

1998 Bachelor's degree in international economic relations, University of Economics, Varna

1999 Master's degree in international economic relations, University of Economics, Varna

2004 Master's degree (MBA) in international management, Thunderbird School of Global Management (Arizona State University), Arizona, USA

**Professional experience:**

2013 – present Member of the European Court of Auditors

- Member of Audit Chamber II - "Investments for Cohesion, Growth and Inclusion". Rapporteur for 27 audit tasks, including in the area of regional development and cohesion policy, the Youth Employment Initiative and the Youth Guarantee, Digitization and innovation in Europe – Industry 4.0, digital skills and education, and the evaluation of the new financial instruments to deal with the COVID- crisis.
- Dean of Audit Chamber II for three terms (2016-2022) - responsible for the overall coordination of the reports in the field of regional, social and cohesion policy and allocation of audit tasks, as well as ensuring the distribution of personnel and budgetary resources.
- Chair of the Audit Quality Control Committee at the European Court of Auditors (2022 - present) - responsible for the overall methodology and rules in the audit process, as well as for the quality control of all audits related to the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism.
- Chair of the Committee on Professional Standards within the International Organization of the supreme audit institutions (INTOSAI) (2022 - present) - leads the development and coordination of international professional auditing standards and guidelines applied by supreme audit institutions in the world.

2009-2012 Member on the European Parliament

- Vice Chair of the Committee on budgetary control and rapporteur for:
  - Annual report on EIB for 2010;
  - Regulation regarding program "Hercule III" on activities in the field of protection of the financial interests of the European Union;
  - Regulation on financing, management, and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy;
  - Opinion on innovative financial instruments in the context of the next multiannual financial framework;

- Working paper on Special Report no 11/2009 regarding sustainability projects in the framework on LIFE "Nature" and their management by the Commission.
- Vice-Chair of the delegation for relations between the EP and The People's Republic of China
- Member of the Committee of internal market and Protection of the EP (IMCO)

2007 -2009 Mr. Municipal advisor, Sofia Municipal Council

2004 - 2006 Investment and business analyst in various financial and banking institutions in the USA  
(Total Systems Acquiring Solutions, Beal Bank, Countrywide Home Loans)

1999 - 2002 Coordinator for the international financial institutions, Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Bulgaria (World Bank and International Monetary Fund)

Fluent in English, French, German and Russian