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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Delegations will find attached the written remarks provided by Bulgaria with respect to the ranking and reasoned opinion submitted by the selection panel concerning its nominated candidates (as set out in ST 9907/19 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED).



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PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION
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TO
MR. JEPPE TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION

DEAR MR. TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN,

Hereby enclosed we are sending to you the Document Written Justification on the order of preference regarding the candidates nominated by Bulgaria for the position of European Prosecutor, dated 15 May 2020, received by the Bulgarian authorities.

Enclosures

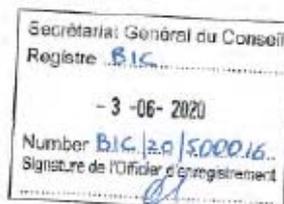
1. Document Written Justification on the order of preference regarding the candidates nominated by Bulgaria for the position of European Prosecutor, dated 15 May 2020 – 2 pages.

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**Order of preference regarding the candidates nominated by Bulgaria
for the post of European Prosecutor**

Written justification of Bulgaria

15 May 2020

By letter dated 24 May 2019 the EPPD Selection Panel informed the Council of its reasoned opinions on the qualifications of the candidates nominated by five Member States, including Bulgaria. In the reasoned opinion concerning the candidates nominated by Bulgaria, the EPPD Selection Panel has ranked those candidates in the following order of preference:



In accordance with Point VII.2 of the Operating Rules of the Selection Panel, the ranking of the nominated candidates is not binding on the Council.

Bulgaria would like to provide the following justification to the Council for not recommending to follow the ranking of the EPPD Selection Panel concerning the three candidates nominated by Bulgaria.

In Bulgaria, the procedure for selection of the three candidates was foreseen in the government decisions N 806 of 9 November 2018 and N 936 of 21 December 2018 and the subsequent orders of the Minister of Justice that have established a National Selection Commission and provided for organisation of a public hearing of the candidates. The National Selection Commission was chaired by a Deputy Minister of Justice and composed by two prosecutors from the Prosecutors College of the Supreme Judicial Council, two judges from the Judges College of the Supreme Judicial Council, the Director of the National Institute of Justice and an academic from Sofia University. The National Selection Commission carefully examined the documents and career performance of the candidates and held a public hearing of seven admitted candidates, as well as a follow-up evaluation of the demonstrated knowledge and skills. The public hearing took place on 18 February 2019 in the premises of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and was available online on the web-site of the SJC. As a result of the above transparent national selection procedure three magistrates were designated as candidates for the post of European Public Prosecutor from Bulgaria. The decision of the National Selection Commission was presented to the Government and the names of the selected candidates were subsequently forwarded to the EPPD Selection Panel. It should be noted that the members of the National Selection Commission unanimously agreed that the best suited candidates to carry out the function of European Prosecutor were [redacted] and [redacted].

