

Translation from Bulgarian

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE MEDIA**

TO

DEAR COLLEAGUE,

With this letter, I would like to share with you my deep conviction that the fight against the illegal traffic of artefacts, against counterfeit works of art and fake news can be successful only through the combined efforts of the European countries.

As a Chairperson of the Committee on Culture and the Media at the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, I am ready to initiate a European discussion of the EU member states parliamentary committees on improving the legal basis for the protection and digitalization of cultural heritage, the fight against counterfeit works of art and fake news, the host of which will be the city of Sofia.

I propose this significant forum to take place on 21 May 2020 as for this purpose the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria shall provide a conference hall and the accompanying cultural programme on the day of its holding. The working language of the meeting shall be English. We expect the format of your participation to be 1+1.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that this initiative of mine was supported during my meetings in 2019 at the Committee on Culture and the Media at the German Bundestag, at the Committee on Culture, Science and Education at the House of Deputies in Rome, at the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Education at the National Assembly of the French Republic, and at the Committee of Culture at the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament.

I look forward to your answer until 2 March 2020 on the email addresses: kkm@parliament.bg and s.atanasova@parliament.bg whether you would attend such a meeting in Bulgaria, on 21 May 2020. I avail myself of this opportunity to express my highest considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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