



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DELEGATION TO OSCE PA

Sofia, 28 July 2022

DISTINGUISHED MADAM PRESIDENT,

It is with deep regret to inform you that yesterday (Tuesday, 27th July) the negotiations to form a new Government within the mandate of this National Assembly collapsed due to the withdrawal of one of the parties. Next week the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria will be dissolved and early parliamentary elections are expected to take place in the first or second weekend of October 2022.

This latest developments have put us in situation of inability to host and organise the OSCE PA Autumn meeting this year in the best way we all wanted. But still I can assure you that the Bulgarian Delegation will remain active and highly engaged with the Assembly's activities.

Another aspect we monitor closely is the concerning rise of the cases of infected with COVID-19 people in Bulgaria and worldwide. The authorities in our country have already put into force some measures which will be tightened step by step in order to mitigate the process.

Having said all this I would like to reaffirm our commitment to play an active role in the OSCE PA activities and in this context to host an Autumn meeting in 2024.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you of my high respect for all the efforts and great work the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe has been doing

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