



Canadian Embassy

Ambassade du Canada

EXHIBIT 2

NOTE VERBALE

No.

The Canadian Embassy presents its compliments to the Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany, and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's note No. 0494 of 26 July 1996, in which the concerns of the Government of Canada regarding the proposed extradition of Canadian citizen Mr. Michael Kapoustin, to Bulgaria, were outlined.

The Canadian Embassy would also like to draw to the attention of the Foreign Ministry an article that was published in the Bulgarian newspaper *Kontinent* on 01 August 1996 which quotes the Chief of the Economic Crimes Department of the National Investigation Department, Mr. Steicho Georgiev, as stating that Michael Kapoustin "committed sexual assaults against minors, according to information received from the Canadian authorities". This statement is not substantiated.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada has consulted Canadian and International police authorities, and confirm there are no records of this nature in Canada regarding Mr. Kapoustin.

Considering the above, the Canadian Embassy again expresses its concern with the climate that is being created in Bulgaria by the authorities in anticipation of extradition, and asks the German authorities to confirm that they are satisfied that Mr. Kapoustin would receive fair and equitable treatment within the Bulgarian legal process, were he to be extradited.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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