



*Représentation Permanente de la République de Bulgarie  
auprès du Conseil de l'Europe*

*Ambassadeur*

Strasbourg, 2 March 2007

Honourable Mrs Milne

Following your memorandum dated January 20, 2007, regarding the request of the Government of Canada for the transfer of Mr. Michael Kapoustin under the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, I contacted the Prosecutor General and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria and raised the issue and its importance.

I received an answer from the Supreme Prosecutor's Office of Cassation stating that the Prosecutor's Office's position hasn't changed from that expressed in letter № 12867/2000 dated October 25, 2006 from the Prosecutor General to the Minister of Justice of Canada, which I enclose hereby. Namely, the legal obstacles for the requested transfer (section 43 of the Law on Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria) are still pending.

Besides, I would like to assure you of the fact that Bulgaria is a State based on the rule of law and no extraneous political considerations could influence on its decision related to an application for the transfer of a sentenced person.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Petkov', written over a horizontal line.

Ivan Petkov, Ambassador  
Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe

**Hon. Lorna Milne, Senator  
President, Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association**