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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Rule of Law Unit at the Secretariat of the United Nations and with regard to the forthcoming High-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels, has the honour to transmit herewith the Pledge registration form containing the commitments made by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on the occasion of the above-mentioned meeting.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Rule of Law Unit at the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration. $\mathcal{M}\rho$

New York, 16 August 2012



RULE OF LAW UNIT SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS New York

High-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels

Pledge registration form

The Republic of Bulgaria hereby pledges (max. 10 lines):

to speed up the work of the Working group established for analysis of the 2006 Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in view of its possible future ratification. Furthermore, in line with the commitment of the Bulgarian government for strengthening the rule of law at both national and international level, the Republic of Bulgaria acceded to other major international law treaties, such as: the 1954 UN Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 UN Convention on the reduction of Statelessness (both ratified on 25.01.2012), and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (ratified on 14.04.2011). With regard to the Kampala Amendments to the Rome statute Bulgaria pledges to consider their possible future ratification by the end of 2014.

(Note: Pledge should include specific dates)

Proposed implementation steps (in 2013 or if later, please specify - 2014):

- → The texts of the 2006 Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Kampala Amendments to the Rome statute have been already provided to the Working group for drafting a new Criminal code to the Ministry of Justice;
- → A separate working group for preparing an analysis for the necessary changes in the domestic legislation for the possible future ratification of the 2006 Convention has been established by order Nr. LS-04-940/2010 of the Minister of Justice
- → The working groups will continue their work and come up with respective suggestions for legislative texts;

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