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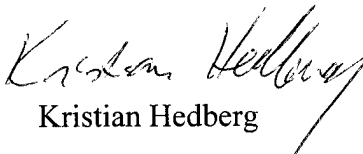
Dear Mr Mladenov,

Thank you for your letter of 14 August concerning the case of Ms Spaska Mitrova in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Mr Rehn has asked me to reply to your letter.

I take note of the concerns which you raise regarding this case. Allow me to assure you that the European Commission follows closely the ongoing reform of the judiciary in the country as this is a core element of the Copenhagen political criteria. The assessment of recent developments will be published in the Commission's Progress Report concerning the country this autumn.

However, the European Commission is not a judicial body and does not have the competence to deal with individual cases. If Ms Mitrova feels aggrieved she should seek legal advice with a view to pursuing an appeal in the national court system. If all national remedies have been exhausted she may lodge a case with the European Court of Human Rights.

Yours sincerely,


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