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REGARDING COMMUNICATION
MS. NAIDENOVA ET AL. V. REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
COMMUNICATION No. 2073/2011
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

8 MAY 2012

**I. UPDATED INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR URGENT INTERVENTION BY THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

1. This brief is to update the Human Rights Committee regarding recent events related to the case of *MS. NAIDENOVA ET AL. V. REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA*, Communication No. 2073/2011.
2. In an attempt to forcibly evict the Petitioners in this case (the Dobri Jeliaskov community), on 29 April 2012 the Municipality of Sofia had the water company,

Sofiyska voda, cut off the water supply to the Dobri Jeliaskov community. The community now has no access to running water.

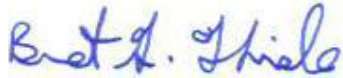
3. Cut off of water not only violates the Human Rights Committee's Interim Measures but rises to violations of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

4. As a means to forcibly evict, the cut off of water violates Article 17 of the ICCPR prohibition on unlawful or arbitrary interference with the home. Additionally, the cut off of water rises to a threat of violating the right to life enshrined in Article 6 of the ICCPR and the prohibition on cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment enshrined in Article 7 of the ICCPR. As you recall, in its 2010 Concluding Observations on Israel the Committee addressed denial of access to water as rising to violations of Articles 6 and 7 of the ICCPR.

5. Consequently, Petitioners request that the Human Rights Committee urgently intervene with the Republic of Bulgaria with an order to abide by its obligation to ensure the rights in the ICCPR including directing the relevant authorities, including the Municipality of Sofia and the water company, Sofiyska voda, immediately to reconnect access to water for the Dobri Jeliaskov community.

6. The GI-ESCR and EOA reserve the right to amend this Communication.

Respectively submitted,



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