

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

POLITICAL CABINET No 03-10-94/1.03.2061.

Mrs. Nelly Maes President of the European Free Alliance

Dear Mrs. Maes,

I refer to your correspondence addressed to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria and to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Let me assure you that the specific issues raised in your letter, as well as the wider views of the European Free Alliance concerning the European architecture, have been given due consideration in Bulgaria.

In this context I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that in Bulgaria all citizens have the right to freely express their belonging to any ethnic, religious or language groups. The protection of their rights and freedoms is ensured in compliance with the Constitution, the national legislation and the international legal obligations assumed by Bulgaria on the basis of strict observance of the principle of non-discrimination and equality of all before the law.

I am confident that a future visit to Bulgaria would give you the opportunity to ascertain this reality for yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Sofia, 28th of February 2006

Raiko Raichev Head of the Political Cabinet