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**TO MR. DONAL O'DONNELL –
CHIEF JUSTICE OF IRELAND AND
PRESIDENT OF THE NETWORK
OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURTS
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

HONOURABLE PRESIDENT O'DONNELL,

I address to you as a President of the Network of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union with a request for information at earliest convenience from the members of the Network on question that is of great importance at the moment for the Bulgarian Supreme Court of Cassation.

For months in the common courts on the Republic of Bulgaria, including at the Supreme Court of Cassation, the topic of installation in our computer systems of the antivirus agent Trellix Endpoint Security HX is under discussion (exception from the range of the installation process of this system are the Supreme Administrative Court and the administrative courts as well as Prosecutor's offices). There was also a meeting at the Supreme Judicial Council during which there was a hearing of the presidents of the courts of appeal and district level, as well as the system administrators that work in those courts. Every one of them expressed their concerns regarding the installation of the antivirus agent at the computer systems of the courts and the assignment of an company that is external for the judiciary ("Information Services" JSC) for monitoring and governance of the information-communication structure and to implements also activities connected to the cybersecurity of the courts. In this way the agency has an access to the work computers of the judges and court staff, including access to drafts of judicial acts, personal data of the parties of the court cases, documents that are official secret – extremely sensitive information that can be a potential monitoring tool. At the same time the presidents of the courts and the system administrators have no access to the console that is used in the monitoring and governance process of the information-communication infrastructures of the courts.

With this regard I address to you, Honorable President O'Donnell, with a request for cooperation with the following questions to the Presidents of the Supreme Courts in the European Union:

1. Do the courts in your country assign to the agencies that are external for the judiciary the monitoring and governance of their information-communication structures as well as activities connected to the cybersecurity or they rely of the people that worked at the courts?
2. In case of use of services of an external company, are there presented administrators accounts in the relevant courts for access to the software products for monitoring, governance and protection or the courts have limited rights?

Please send the responses to Mrs. Kremena Haralanova (k.haralanova@vks.bg) and Mr. Todor Kaytazov (todor_kaytazov@vks.bg).

Thank you in advance for the cooperation and I take this opportunity to assure you of my highest considerations.

Yours sincerely,


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PRESIDENT
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**