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Dear Ms Filka Sekulova and Ms Cveta Hristova,

Thank you for the additional documentation you have sent us regarding the environmental concerns associated with the environmental impact assessment procedure of the Bansko Ski resort in the Pirin National Park.

I would like to reassure you that the Commission will continue to follow this issue very closely and do its utmost to ensure the implementation of environmental law. The Commission will indeed bring up this issue with the Bulgarian authorities as well as emphasise the need to respect EU environmental legislation.

In addition, we are also working with International Financing Institutions to ensure that possible sources of financing comply with EU environmental standards. To that end we have recently helped launch the European Principles for the Environment initiative, which is founded on the commitment of the five signatory European-based Multilateral Financing Institutions (e.g. European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, etc) to ensure environmental protection and promote sustainable development globally and across all sectors of their activities.

I thank you for your sustained interest and efforts to support the application of environmental policy in Bulgaria.

Yours sincerely,

Claude Rouam