

LETTER ADDRESSED TO MS. JORDANKA FANDAKOVA, MAYORESS OF THE CITY OF SOFIA BY

B'NAI B'RITH EUROPE FOLLOWING THE NEO-NAZI MARCH ON FEBRUARY 16th.

Dear Ms. Mayoress,

B'nai B'rith Europe, the oldest Jewish civil society organization (with 110 associations in 27 European countries), hereby deplores the decision of the Bulgarian authorities of having allowed the Lukov march to take place in Sofia on the 16th of February 2013.

We had hoped that the same country that saved its Jewish population 70 years ago and has adhered to the European Union and its democratic values, will find it only fitting to stop a neo-Nazi, nationalistic and anti-Semitic march through the streets of Sofia. Such manifestations can only contribute to the dissemination of hate, intolerance and prejudice; they undermine the very essence of group cohesion and unity in an all-inclusive society working for a peaceful coexistence.

Respectfully,

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