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Subject: European Social Fund audit visit between 7 and 16 May 2014 of Operational Programme Administrative Capacity, 2007BG051PO002 - FINAL REPORT

Ref: A-Rep number 2014-1756 (to be used in every correspondence relating to this audit)

Dear Ms Rangelova,

Please find enclosed the original English language version of the final audit report following the above mentioned audit visit containing your comments made within the timeframe of the contradictory procedure as well as their analysis by the European Commission. The translation into Bulgarian language is also enclosed.

I would like to bring to your attention that the Commission's position is now finalised and the report is also forwarded to the European Court of Auditors.

I also wish to remind you that in case of discrepancy between the enclosed report in English and the Bulgarian translation, the English version is considered the authentic text.

All correspondence related to this audit report should be addressed to me with a copy to Mr A. Cecilio, Head of Unit, EMPL F/5.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the auditor in charge of the audit.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.:

1. Final audit report A-rep 1756 in English and Bulgarian language translation

2. Protection of Personal data by DG Employment Policy Audit Units at the European

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ANNEX: Protection of Personal data by DG Employment Policy Audit Units at the European Commission.

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