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Dear Sirs,

The today's situation in Vardar Macedonia has become intolerable for the Bulgarians who live there.

During the times of the Ottoman Empiry the Bulgarians in the current FYRMacedonia had a church and cultural-educational autonomy, which lasted till 1913. After the Peace Treaty of Neuilly (1919) and after the Second World War (the Peace Treaty of Paris, 1947) they were deprived of all their rights again and even allegations emerged that no Bulgarians had ever lived there.

But in 1993, from the party of Ljupco Georgievski, it seceded a wing opposition, which decided to recall all the things, connected with the CULTURAL AUTONOMY before 1913. Later, in 2000, the organization was renamed to RADKO - the most commonly used nickname of Vancho (Ivan) Mihailov - the Bulgarian who was the last leader of the Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization (VMRO) from 1924 till 1990.

The RADKO Association has been established for protection and realization of the national, cultural and political rights, interests and opinions of the Bulgarians from the Republic of Macedonia.

The RADKO Association deals with affirmation and realization of the Macedonian Liberation Movement's ideas.

The RADKO Association was established on 24th, May, 2000 by the Decision of the Assembly of the founders.

The Association was registered in the "Register of Associations" on 19th, June, 2000 under № 18/2000 by the Decision of the Main Court of Ohrid.

On 21st, March, 2001 the Constitutional Court of Republic of Macedonia declared void the program and the statutes of the Association. This Decision of the Constitutional Court was published in the Official Newspaper of Macedonia № 27 from 10th, April, 2001.

Being dissatisfied with the Decision of the Constitutional Court of Republic of Macedonia, the Association filed a complaint to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg. The complaint was registered under № 74651/01 on 4th, October, 2001.

On 15th, January, 2009 the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled that Republic of Macedonia had violated the European Convention and the right of association. By a letter dated 5th, May, 2009 the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has informed the RADKO Association that the decision made on 15th, January, 2009 came into force, because Republic of Macedonia had not appealed the above-mentioned sentence.

On the basis of Article 18 and 19 of the Law on Associations and Foundations (Official Newspaper of Republic of Macedonia № 31/98), on the meeting held on 5th, July, 2009, the Assembly of the founders decided to request a re-registration of the RADKO Association.

The main tasks of the RADKO Association are:

- the Bulgarians from Republic of Macedonia to be a constructive element in the Constitution of the state;
- the Bulgarian literary language to be one of the official languages of the Macedonian state;
- affirmation of the Bulgarian history and culture;
- revival of all the necessary cultural-educational and church institutions in Republic of Macedonia, similar to the Bulgarian cultural-educational and church institutions, which existed on the territory of Republic of Macedonia during the times of the Ottoman Empire, adapted, of course, to the contemporary conditions and needs;
- revival of the spiritual and cultural unity of the Bulgarians from Republic of Macedonia and the Bulgarians from Republic of Bulgaria;
- protection against misappropriation and falsification of the Bulgarian history and culture;
- protection of the Bulgarians in Republic of Macedonia against repression, police surveillance and harassment, persecution, discrimination and cultural genocide.

Briefly, this means, that we, the Bulgarians from Vardar Macedonia, want restoration of our rights, lost in 1913 - OUR AUTONOMY, ensured by the Ottoman Empire, and also restoration of our right of statehood within FYROM, without any desire these boundaries to be violated. In our dreams we see Republic of Macedonia as a multi-national state, established following the example of Switzerland.

As the peak of the absurd, we see the insistence of PACE on recognition of a Macedonian minority in Bulgaria and Greece.

One of the examples for the lawlessness is the DEPRIVATION OF OUR COMPATRIOT AND RADKO'S MEMBER SPASKA MITROVA OF HER CHILD, and the unprecedented in the world history imprisonment of the mother in Idrizovo - one of the most sinister prisons on the Balkans and probably in the world.

Respectfully yours,  
Chairman  
Vladimir Pankov