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Dear Ms. Motz, Dear Ms. Hungerbühler,

I have the honor to inform you that your communication, dated 12 November 2020, which you submitted to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, for consideration under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, on behalf of **sector**, acting on behalf of her children **sector**, **behalf**, **behave**, has been registered as communication No. 126/2020. You are kindly asked to refer to the registration number in any future correspondence.

In accordance with article 8 of the Optional Protocol and rule 18 of the Committee's Rules of procedure under the Optional Protocol, a copy of the communication has been transmitted to the State party today, with the request that any information or observations in respect of the question of admissibility and merits of the communication should reach the Committee. Please note that deadlines for observations and comments from the parties have been extended by 2 months in light of the spread of COVID-19. The State party has therefore been granted an exceptional deadline of eight months.

Under article 6 of the Optional Protocol and rule 7 of the Committee's Rules of procedure, the State party has also been requested to refrain from returning and her four children to Bulgaria, while the case is under consideration by the Committee. This request does not imply a determination on the admissibility or merits of this communication.

Any reply from the State party will be communicated to you in due course to enable you to comment thereon, if you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

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