Sofia, 4 February 2016

To: MR. MARKUS BEYRER DIRECTOR GENERAL BUSINESSEUROPE

Dear Markus,

I am hastening to answer you within the short term with regard to the document sent by you on the asylum and migration crisis.

We think that the most important point and we are insisting to include a reference in the document to the <u>need to stop all illegal traffickers from Turkey and North Africa</u>.

Since we are talking about a free movement "within the Schengen area", I would like to share with you and seek the assistance of BUSINESSEUROPE to solve the problem that arose on the Bulgarian – Greek border (you are certainly informed of it).

In fact, the border is closed for more than a week with minor exceptions, there is a chaos and a full blockade of the traffic between the two countries.

The Bulgarian businesses are now facing enormous losses amounting already to hundreds of millions of Euro, all due to the inadequate acting of the Greek farmers.

The Bulgarian truck drivers, staying for many consecutive days at the border, are now in need of a humanitarian aid because they do not have any food and water.

For this reason, our Government seized the European Commission and our Prime Minister pleaded with Mr. Tsipras to interfere.

I don't know what BUSINESSEUROPE might do to help but here the word is about the business interests of its members, and this game (that is played for several years now) must be ceased also by the European business structures.

Best regards.

Branimir Handjiev Director General