To the Prime Minister of Italy

Mrs. Giorgia Meloni

**Veto Request from Bulgarian civil society organisations**

Dear Mrs. Prime Minister,

We kindly ask you to **exercise veto** on the admission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Eurozone.

In 2025 a key issue for consideration and voting that is pending before the EU member states is the admission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Eurozone.

In May 2023, a petition was initiated in our country to preserve the Bulgarian lev - our national currency, which, by the way, is 145 years old. This initiative was taken up by the Vazrazhdane (Revival) party. The result - **604,000 signatures were collected with a request to preserve our national currency** and the party submitted the petition for consideration in the parliament.

The National Assembly totally ignored the will of the people and a referendum was not called on this issue. In practice, in Bulgaria, which is a parliamentary republic, the democratic principle of governance was violated. In the Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria, in Art. 1, par. 2 and par. 3 it is clearly stated:

*Art. 1 (2) All state power derives from the people. It is exercised by them directly and through the bodies provided for in this Constitution. (3) No part of the people, political party or other organization, state institution or individual may appropriate the exercise of people's sovereignty*.

The majority of the Bulgarian people realize that the destruction of the Bulgarian lev will lead to the devaluation and destruction of income and savings and will liquidate the last remaining element of independent Bulgaria - the financial independence of our country.

A significant part of the Bulgarian society is adherent to your nationally-oriented views and policies which show the will for real progress of man and human reason. Mrs. Meloni, since the decision to admit an EU member state to the Eurozone is supposed to be unanimously adopted by the Eurozone member states, **we appeal to you to veto the admission of Bulgaria to the Eurozone**, and to request that the necessary referendum be held in the Republic of Bulgaria first. In addition, the "Vazrazhdane" party recently submitted a resolution to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) requesting that Bulgaria held a referendum to preserve the Bulgarian lev. Such a resolution requires 20 signatures from 5 different countries and "Vazrazhdane" has collected them, including from founders and members of the Eurozone such as France, Germany, Belgium, Austria. Signatures were given by Poland, Hungary and Romania as well.

Therefore, taking the initiative to veto the admission of Bulgaria to the Eurozone could accelerate the process of restoring the democracy and respect for the human rights of the peoples in the EU countries. This is why we kindly ask you to exercise your right to veto the admission of Bulgaria to the Eurozone.

27.04.2025 Sincerely,

Sofia,
Bulgaria