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Dear Mr. Williams,

Boycott to Libyan ships and cargoes

More than seven years ago in Libya five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor were arrested and charged with consciously infecting more than 400 Libyan children with the AIDS HIV virus.

There are overwhelming evidences that the infected children in the Libyan hospital have contracted the virus long before the convicted medics' arrival to Libya, the cause of infection being the poor hygienic conditions in hospital. These evidences were firmly proved also by famous scientists professor Vitorio Colicy and discoverer of AIDS HIV virus professor Luk Montanie when they were involved and heard out as witnesses in Libyan court.

However, the Libyan judicial authorities have never considered these evidences during the 7-year long trial.

As a result five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor are sentenced to death.



The European Union, the US State Department, Amnesty International, various national governments and international organisations have already expressed serious concern over the fairness of the trial and denounced the death sentences. Support has been expressed to ensure that the appealing of the sentence would lead to a quick release of these innocent people.

Unfortunately it is coming ever more clear that the trial against Bulgarian nurses is governed by political purposes of the Libyan authorities. This was clearly demonstrated recently by Libyan state leader Moammar Kadafi who in his speech last week bound the release of Bulgarian nurses with the release of Libyan officer sentenced to imprisonment for Lockerby aircraft bombing.

Considering all above-mentioned all the society of Bulgaria has been taking steps of symbolic and real support for Bulgarian nurses and Palestinian Doctor and for fair trial against them leading to their acquittal and release.

Hence we would like to inform you and all FONASBA members that most Bulgarian shipping companies has decided to boycott Libyan ships and cargoes. Bulgarian Association of Ship Brokers and Agents also announced boycott and our members will refuse to serve ships flying Libyan flag and represent Libyan principals on international freight market.

We would be grateful if you let FONASBA members know about our boycott and its roots.

We fully believe also that growing international support for fair trial and for acquittal of Bulgarian nurses and Palestinian Doctor will result in success and we are grateful to any international institutions and companies for their support.

Yours faithfully,

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