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SUBJECT: ECOGLASNOST OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AS
- LEGAL ORGANIZATION

REF: SOFIA 6183

1. (U) ON 11 DECEMBER, THE SOFIA CITY COURT
OFFICIALLY REGISTERED ECOGLASNOST AS A JURIDICAL
INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION.

2. (U) IN SO DOING, THE COURT OVERTURNED ITS
23 JUNE REFUSAL TO REGISTER THE ORGANIZATION.
THE STAGE FOR THE REVERSAL HAD BEEN SET ON
13 NOVEMBER, WHEN THE STATE PROSECUTOR (PROCURATOR)
SIDED WITH ECOGLASNOST IN ITS APPEAL TO THE SUPREME
COURT AND RETURNED THE CASE TO THE CITY COURT FOR
REHEARING (SEE REFTEL).

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3. (U) THE DECISION HAS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE
IN THE MEDIA, INCLUDING RADIO AND TELEVISION
AND THE NEWSPAPERS "TRUD" AND "NARODNA MLADZHZ."
IN ITS 12 DECEMBER EDITION, "RABOTNICHESKO DELO"
CARRIES A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE DECISION BY ECOGLASNOST
SECRETARY GEORGI AVRAMOV.

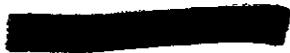
4. (C) COMMENT - IN A MEETING WITH POST PAO AND
HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICERS ON 6 DECEMBER, ECOGLASNOST
PRESIDENT PETUR SLABAKOV CLAIMED THAT THE ORGANIZA-

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TION NOW HAD WELL OVER 5000 MEMBERS. IN RECENT WEEKS, THE GROUP HAS TAKEN ITS SHOW ON THE ROAD, WITH MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE GROUP ADDRESSING REGIONAL MEETINGS IN SUCH CITIES AS VELIKO TURNOVO, DIMITROVGRAD, STARA ZAGORA, AND BOURGAS. DR. PETUR BERON, HEAD OF THE GROUP'S "CONTROL COMMISSION," ADDRESSED GATHERINGS IN RUSE DURING THE WEEKEND OF 30-31 NOVEMBER. AS THE ORGANIZATION SPREADS THE WORD IN THE PROVINCES, IT IS CERTAIN TO ENLIST MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO JOIN A QUASI-LEGAL BODY.

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5. (C) IN A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND DAS CURTIS KAMMAN, FULL POLITBURO MEMBER ANDREY LUKANOV, IN OFFERING EVIDENCE THAT THE BCP WAS PREPARED TO RELINQUISH ITS ABSOLUTE MONOPOLY ON POLITICAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY, HAD PREDICTED THAT ECOGLASNOST WOULD BE REGISTERED ON 11 DECEMBER, ADDED THAT OTHER GROUPS WILL FOLLOWS. END COMMENT.
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