




BRIEFING NOTE: Rumiana JELEVA

Name	Rumiana JELEVA 
First time Commissioner?	Yes
Date of Hearing	Tuesday January 12 16.30-19.30
Country	Bulgaria
Political Party	Grazhdani za evropeysko razvitie na Balgariya (EPP)
Previous Bulgarian Commissioner	Meglana Kuneva
Portfolio	International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response
Services	DG Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) (The Civil Protection Units ENV A.3. and ENV A.4 move to DG ECHO from DG Environment (ENV)).
Personal details	Born April 18, 1969 in Nova Zagora, Bulgaria Married
Current duties	Since July 2009: Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
Political career	Since July 2009: Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria 2009: Elected as Vice-Chairwoman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament 2007-2009: Member of the European Parliament; Member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence, Regional Policy, Employment and Social Affairs (Substitute); Member of the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries and substitute member of the Iran Delegation 2007-2009: Member of the Political Bureau of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament
Professional career	Since 2007: Guest-lecturer in European Studies at the University of Magdeburg Since 2005: First-class research fellow at the Institute of Sociology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences 2004-2007: Manager at the National Centre "New Social Practice" (NGO) 2001-2003 & 2006-2007: Manager at Global Consult Ltd;

	<p>Since 2001: Guest Lecturer at the St. Kliment Ohridsky University of Sofia</p> <p>1997-2006: Various teaching jobs in economic sociology, mainly at Bulgarian universities</p> <p>1996-1998: Member of the Supervisory Board and authorised representative of the Privatisation Fund "Labour and Capital" (privatisation and asset management)</p> <p>1995-1998: Member of the Board of Directors of the National Investment Fund "Labour"</p>
Education	<p>2003: PhD in Sociology from the Otto von Guericke University in Magdeburg, Germany</p> <p>2000: Post-graduate fellow in economic and industrial sociology at the University of Bielefeld</p> <p>1995: Master's Degree in Economic Sociology from the University of Sofia</p> <p>1994-1995: Study abroad at the University of Bielefeld, Germany</p> <p>1988: Graduated from high school</p>
Languages	<p>Bulgarian: mother tongue</p> <p>English, German, Russian: fluent</p>
FYI....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In her current role as Minister for Foreign Affairs, she has stressed the importance of Bulgaria being 'a good example' for Western Balkans countries with hopes of joining the EU. In response to criticisms that Bulgaria joined the EU too quickly, she has stressed that she expects the government to be able to show 'concrete results' of its efforts to increase the efficacy of its judiciary system by autumn 2009. ▪ Her main European Parliamentary work was in the field of social affairs - she drafted a non-legislative report on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion, by the European Community, of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. ▪ She has also spoken on the importance of more equal inclusion and participation of women in the workforce in order to reach the Lisbon Strategy's goals.

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