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Bulgaria: Program of the International Forum on Discrimination of People with Mental Disabilities

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Hotel Rodina
8 bul. "Totleben". 1606 Sofia,
10 October 2002
9.00 to 14.00

- 9.00: Registration and Coffee.
- 9.30: Opening of the Forum by Ivan Fisser, Amnesty International's researcher for Bulgaria.
- 9.35: Screening of Amnesty International's documentary film "Far from the eyes of society" (20 minutes).
- 10.00: Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International, presents Al's report "Bulgaria: Far from the eyes of society. Systematic discrimination against people with mental disabilities".
- 10.10: Krassimir Kanev, Chairperson of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee.
- 10.20: Representatives of the Bulgarian Government.
- 10.40: Karl Bach Jensen, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, addressing the forum also on behalf of Bengt Lindqvist, UN Special Rapporteur on Disabilities.
- 10.50: John Dalhuisen, private secretary to the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.
- 10.55: Discussion on the report's concerns and recommendations (45 minutes).
- 11.30: Coffee break.
- 12.00 13.30: Krassimir Kanev, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, chairs a discussion on the "next steps": participants are invited to speak about their programs to speed up reform and/or their concerns about the current situation; IGO representatives are invited to speak about their ability to support reform in Bulgaria and about any similar programs they may have supported in other countries.

13.30 - 14.00: Lunch.

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