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**Conference “The right of work – a way to live in dignity”, 4 October 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Dear Ms Todorova,

Thank you very much for your invitation to attend the conference “The right of work – a way to live in dignity”, which will take place on 4 October 2011 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

I am very pleased and honoured by your invitation to give a presentation at that important event, since employment and occupation are key issues in the social integration of people with disabilities. The Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006-2015 includes several objectives and recommends many specific actions to be taken by member states on these issues.

However, I am very sorry having to inform you that I shall not be able to attend your conference due to other urgent and important professional commitments in Strasbourg at the same time.

Please accept my sincere apologies.

I wish you a fruitful and pleasant conference and hope that I shall be able to participate in one of your events in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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