

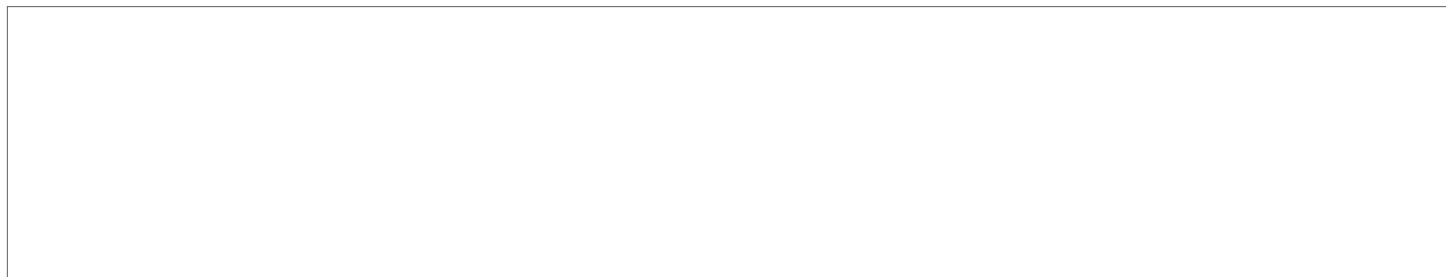
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Below are updates from Phil on a range of items you had flagged.

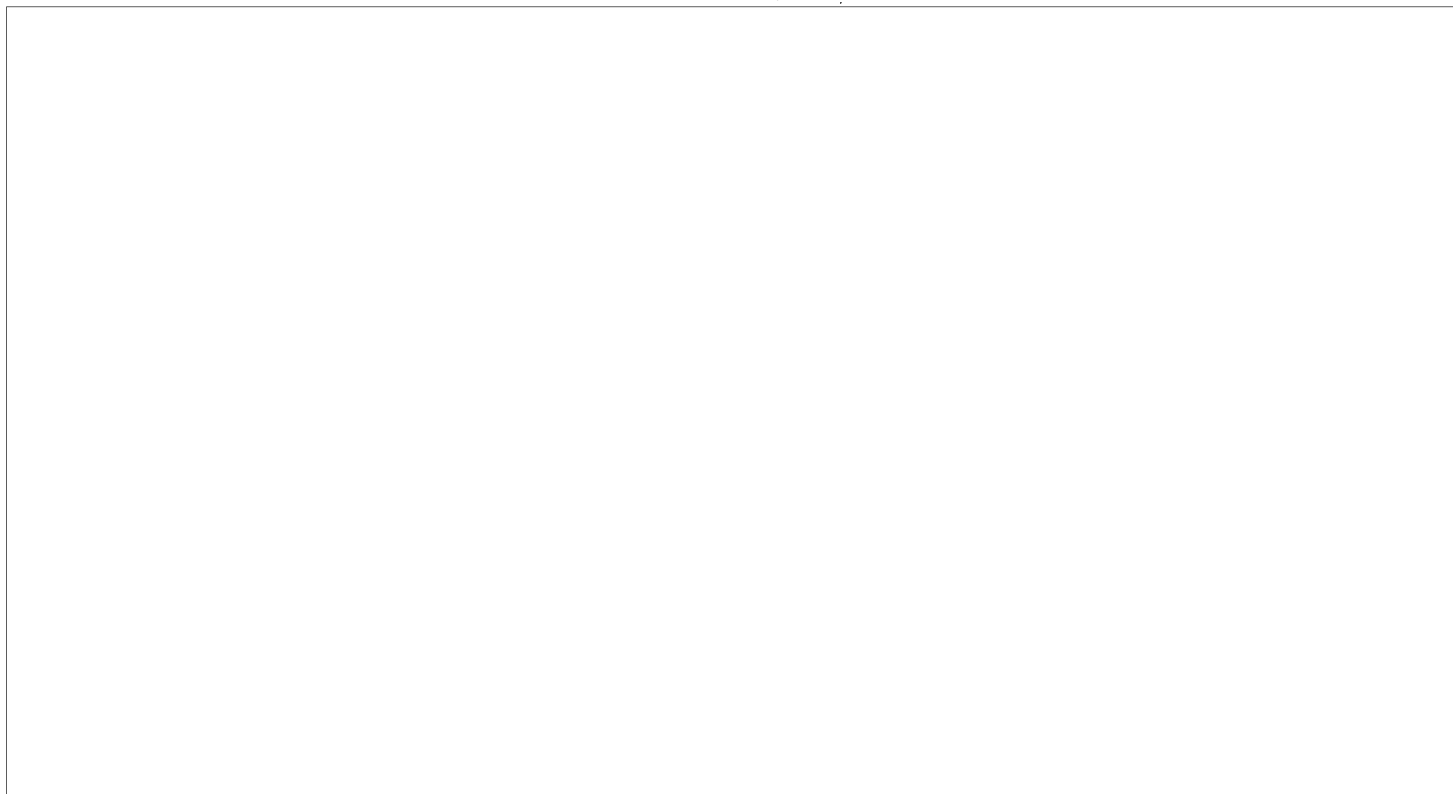
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Armenia/NK in Human Rights Report



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NATO Summit language on NK



Spain

IP Watchlist: IIPA – the umbrella industry association – has commended Spain’s new IPR legislation. However, industry is unanimous in wanting to see how implementation proceeds over the coming year before recommending that Spain be dropped from the 301 Watchlist.



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Bulgaria

E-Government: The GOB’s e-government action plan was undertaken several years ago and has made halting progress. President Plevneliev’s public pledge to make it a priority are welcome, since he has an influence on the political discourse, but his powers over the actual functioning of government are limited. Still, we are exploring options to support Plevneliev through exchanges with other countries that have successfully implemented e-government, facilitating meetings with the GOB and U.S. vendors, and using the Open Government Partnership to help support the message of transparent government.

Future of Novo Selo: DOD has not decided how it might continue to make use of facilities in Bulgaria and is launching a one-year review before deciding on FY 2014 funding. Budget realities will likely limit our options, particularly in light of the need to maintain key USG facilities in Germany for training with Allies. Bulgaria is trying to think creatively to make Novo Selo a financially competitive venue for regional training. The Bulgarians have proposed using Novo Selo to train NATO Allies and partners but are restricted by our Defense Cooperation Agreement, which limits access to Novo Selo’s Forward Operating Site. U.S. Army’s pending review of its intentions make further decisions difficult. The U.S. and Bulgaria will need to work together closely to determine which projects, including completion of planned construction, to pursue in order to improve Novo Selo’s value.



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