

Position of the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission Sotir Tsatsarov on the broadcast interview with Yavor Zlatanov and a response of the ACF

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We are publishing the position of the Chairman of the Commission for Anticorruption and the Forfeiture of Illegally Acquired Property (CAPIAF) Sotir Tsatsarov about an interview with Yavor Zlatanov, followed by a comment of the Anti-Corruption Fund:

TO
MR BOIKO STANKUSHEV
DIRECTOR OF
FOUNDATION
"ANTICORRUPTION FUND"

MR. STANKUSHEV,

On October 4th, 2021, the Anti-Corruption Fund published on its website an interview of Nikolay Staykov and Andrey Yankulov with Yavor Zlatanov, with the title "One year later: Yavor Zlatanov, the missing voice from the "Eight Dwarfs" speaks in an interview for the Anti-Corruption Fund." It contains allegations related to my actions as Prosecutor General. As with previous ACF publications, another point of view, in this case, mine, is in no way sought or presented. Therefore, I suggest that you post the following position of mine on the Foundation's website:

"I do not know either Mrs. Radost Draganova or Mr. Yavor Zlatanov. I do not have any involvement or participation in the actions of the Specialized Prosecutor's Office related to the indictment or detention of Yavor Zlatanov. Attempts to suggest this are outright lies.

This is not the first attempt to link my name to the Anti-Corruption Fund investigation known as the 'Eight Dwarfs.' On August 20th, 2020, its fourth part was published with the title 'And the signature of a Prosecutor General.' Immediately after I published my position in which I stated that I had strictly complied with the provisions of the law and that the facts should not be substituted with convenient allegations and the attempt to present them publicly - with defamation. Soon another of your "Investigations" appeared, on a new subject and with further untruths, which I also publicly refuted. In view of the statement in the interview of October 4th, 2021, that due to an intimate relationship with the ex-wife of Yavor Zlatanov, I have caused his detention, as well as initiated other actions against him in the course of the pre-trial proceedings, I will refer to the competent prosecutor's office to investigate all my actions related to this proceeding. I will do this because the Anti-Corruption Fund's publication implies that I have committed a crime against justice. At the same time, I will take the necessary action before the judicial authorities, given the slanders that have been publicly disseminated.

It is shameful that the funding provided to the Anti-Corruption Fund by your main sponsor, the America for Bulgaria Foundation, is also being used to spread outright lies. It is shameful

that the way this is being done has nothing to do with the standards of ethics and transparency proclaimed by you.

In June 2021, in a letter to you, Mr. Stankushev, I stated that the purposeful repetition of lies and their presentation in the public domain in different forms would not turn them into truth, regardless of the scenarios applied and the goals set by their executors. I have every reason to confirm these words now."

SOTIR TSATOROV