The Agency for the Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information, based on Article 106, paragraph 2 and Paragraph 3 of the Law on General Administrative Procedure ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 124/2015), and in accordance with Article 27 and article 34 paragraph 1 of the Law on Free Access to Public Information ("Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 101/2019), and in accordance with the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Law on Free Access to Public Information ("Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia" no. 60/20) acting on an appeal filed by the Citizens' Association Center for Civic Communications CGK-Skopje, submitted through attorney German Filkov, president of CGK, against the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the subject Request for access to information from public character, on 02.05.2024, brought the following

 **DECISION**

**TO STOP** the procedure following the appeal filed by the Citizens' Association Center for Civic Communications CGK-Skopje, submitted through attorney German Filkov, president of CGK, against the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, filed in the Agency under No. 08-132 on 04/29/2024, in the subject Request for access to public information, **because the appeal is considered withdrawn**.

 **ABOUT DEVELOPMENT**

The Citizens' Association Center for Civic Communications CGK-Skopje, as stated in the appeal, on 01.04.2024, submitted a Request for access to public information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with which it requested by e-mail to be delivered electronically a record of the following information:

Please provide us with the following information separately for each year: 2022, 2023 and 2024 (as of April 1, 2024):

"1. How many cases have you provided data from the Register of Beneficial Owners for?

2. How many persons did the provided data from the Register of Real Owners refer to?

3. How did you secure the data by directly accessing the Register of Beneficial Owners or indirectly through the Central Register?

4. In how many cases, after determining the actual owner, have you doubted the reliability of the data?"

The information holder did not respond to this request within the legally stipulated period, after which the information requester filed an appeal to the Agency under no. 08-100 on 04/03/2024.

The Agency, via e-mail registered under No. 08-132 of 04/30/2024, forwarded the appeal to the Holder of Information and requested within 7 days to rule on it and to submit all documents related to the matter to the Agency.

Instead of deciding upon the appeal, on 02.05.2024, the Information Holder submitted an electronic letter, filed under No. 08-132, with which they informed the Agency that "in connection with the filed appeal, we are attaching an Answer that has already been submitted to the Requester."

On 02.05.2024, the information requester submitted to the Agency an e-mail registered under no. 08-132, which informed the Agency that "we are withdrawing the appeal against the Ministry of Foreign Affairs because we received a response."

The Agency for the Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Free Access to Public Information and the Law on General Administrative Procedure**, STOPPED THE PROCEDURE after the appeal because the Applicant withdrew it before the secondary authority adopted an administrative act**.

In accordance with the above, the Agency for the Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information decided as the dispositive of this Decision.

This Decision is final in the administrative procedure, and there is no room for appeal against it.

**LEGAL REMEDY:** Against this Decision, the party can initiate an administrative dispute before the Administrative Court within 30 days.

 **Director,**

 **Plamenka Bojcheva**