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Bulgarian Selection Committee for the Oscars  
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To Chairperson Bakalova:

Upon further review, we have found that the film submitted from Bulgaria, *MOTHER*, does not meet the Academy's submission requirements, per the 95th Academy Awards rules Section A, which states: An international film is defined as a feature-length motion picture (over 40 minutes) **produced** outside the United States of America and its territories with a predominantly (more than 50%) non-English dialogue track. Animated and documentary feature films are permitted.

Based on the one hour and 56-minute running time, there is approximately 27 minutes and 5 seconds of non-English dialogue (Bulgarian, Swahili, Maasai), compared to the 32 minutes and 31 seconds of English dialogue. Only 45.44% of the dialogue in the film is non-English.

If you would like to submit another film for consideration for the 95th Oscars in the International Feature category, you have until Monday, October 3rd at 5pm PT to submit all required materials. We encourage you to review the submission rules and category requirements. Please contact the Awards Office at 310.247.3001 or [internationalfeature@oscars.org](mailto:internationalfeature@oscars.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Academy