ILIANA IOTOVA AND KIRIL VALCHEV: BULGARIA'S NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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Iliana Iotova will continue to serve as Bulgarias president for the next five years, retaining her position as head of state and Commander-in-Chief of the country's armed forces.

In the presidential runoff held on November 1, 2016, she secured nearly 58% of the votes, defeating her opponent, former caretaker Prime Minister Andrey Gurov, who received just over 39% of the vote.

Iliana Iotova took over as head of the presidential institution on January 23 this year, following Rumen Radevs early departure from his second term as head of state to assume the role of prime minister.

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