



*Permanent Representation
of Turkey
to the Council of Europe*

Strasbourg, 26 August 2015

Dear Director,

Concerning the alert issued by the Council of Europe's "Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists" on 17 July 2015 under the title of "Attacks and Intimidation on Journalists Covering Workers' Strikes in Turkey", submitted by the European Federation of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists, I am transmitting at annex the response of the Turkish Government.

Yours sincerely,

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- Information Note

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17 July 2015- Form concerning Arzu Erkan, submitted by EFJ/IFJ under “1. Attacks on physical integrity of journalists”

Information provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey

The submission form contains the allegation that Arzu Erkan, Kocaeli reporter of Evrensel Newspaper, was threatened with gun shots in front of her house. The inquiry did not reveal any record of the incident in question. When interviewed by phone, Arzu Erkan, stated that she had not been able to see the licence plate of the navy blue car from where fires had been shot into the air and that she had not notified the security forces of the incident. It is possible for persons, who are of the opinion that they have been threatened with guns, to complain to the hot lines 155 and 156 or by filing a complaint with the police or gendarmerie or the prosecutor. No complaint has been filed by the newspaper reporter Arzu Erkan.