

Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 7 September 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 21 August 2015 under the title of "Journalist fired over Tweets critical of Erdoğan", submitted by the Association of European Journalists, Article 19, the European Federation of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists, I am transmitting at annex the response of the Turkish Government.

Yours sincerely,

Erdoğan İşcan Ambassador

Permanent Representative

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- Information Note

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21 August 2015 - Form concerning Kadri Gürsel, submitted by EFJ/IFJ under 'Journalist fired over Tweets critical of Erdoğan'

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

This incident, which is about a private contractual relationship between Kadri Gürsel and privately owned 'Milliyet' newspaper, has not been filed as a case before Turkish courts.