

## Permanent Representation of Turkey to the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 19 October 2015

Dear Director,

Concerning the alerts issued by the Council of Europe's "Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists" on the list enclosed herewith, submitted by the European Federation of Journalists, the International Federation of Journalists, the Association of European Journalist and the Reporters Without Borders, I am transmitting at annex the responses of the Turkish Government concerning 15 submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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## Encl.:

- List of alerts
- Information Notes (15)

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## 2 Apr 2015 - Form concerning Kenan Karavil submitted by EFJ/IFJ under "Kurdish Journalist Kenan Karavil Sentenced to more than 19 Years"

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

Kenan Karavil was sentenced to a total imprisonment of 19 years and 9 months due to the offence of being a member of an armed terrorist organization, with the decision of the 8<sup>th</sup> Chamber of the Adana High Criminal Court. His conviction became final upon being upheld by the Court of Cassation. Kenak Karavil, a member of the armed terrorist organization PKK, was tried and convicted due to the following offences:

- On 15.08.2008 and 06.04.2008, threatening an individual to make him participate in the protests of the armed terrorist organization PKK,
- In Adana province, engaging the activities of the terrorist organization PKK and obtaining a code name for himself from the organization; carrying fake identity card and being a member of an armed terrorist organization by collecting money on behalf of the organization,
- Recruiting for the mountain unit of the armed terrorist organization.