

Bucharest, 26th of July 2016

Dear Secretary General,

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation of the Romanian public broadcaster.

I took notice of your concerns following the alert submitted to the Platform for the Promotion of the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism. It is brought to your kind notice that we have consequently informed the Romanian National Television and the Romanian Parliament, as the institution which exercises the supervision of the public broadcaster's activities.

Based on the response provided, let me assure you that there is a strong interest and preoccupation to secure the appropriate funding of the public broadcasting, in order to guarantee the editorial independence and the stability of the National Public Television.

In this respect, the Romanian National Television management is working on an economic and financial redress plan, to increase the efficiency and reposition the public broadcasting on the media market. This plan takes into consideration all elements related to the appropriate funding and the independence of the National Television.

Considering the importance of a stable and independent public broadcaster, I assure you, dear Secretary General, that I will continue to follow the situation of the Romanian National Television and I will inform you of the resolution of this case.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Thorbjørn Jagland Secretary General of the Council of Europe