

*Représentation Permanente de la République de Croatie auprès du Conseil de l'Europe*

Strasbourg, 2 December 2016

Dear Mr Gruden,

Following your message of 3 November 2016 and the information on the alert with regard to Croatia that has been submitted to the Platform of the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists by the partner organisations, I have the honour to convey to you the response of the Croatian authorities in respect of the submitted alert.

I would be very much obliged if you could provide for uploading of the response by the Croatian authorities to the Platform and its distribution to the partner organisations.

Sincerely yours,

Blaženka Babić  
Deputy Permanent Representative



**Mr. Matjaž Gruden**  
**Director**  
**Directorate of Policy Planning**  
**Secretariat General**  
**Council of Europe**

**Information provided by the Croatian authorities regarding the alert submitted to the CoE's Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists**

With reference to alert of 3 November 2016 concerning damage on the personal car of the president of the Croatian Journalist's Association, Mr Saša Leković, the Ministry of Interior informs that Zagreb Police District is conducting inquiries in coordination with the state attorney's office competent for the specific case. In this regard, all necessary measures and actions are being taken to determine relevant facts and circumstances of the events. Croatian authorities fully condemn every attack on journalists. Additionally, the Croatian authorities would like to stress that the protection of journalists is guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia and regulated by the laws in force. For each case of violence the investigation is carried out in accordance with the Criminal Code.