

Reply from the Netherlands provided by the Ministry of Security and Justice

Dear Mr Gruden,

Our Ambassador to the Council of Europe, duly notified to us the alert inserted to the Platform by Ms Imane Rachidi and indeed, we herewith would like to take the opportunity to respond to it.

Within the Ministry of Security and Justice, both the Directorate General Police and the National Police studied the alert. If we understand it correctly, Ms Rachidi tried to report a crime, rather than to lodge a complaint. The Police of the Hague has been asked whether it had any data related to the efforts made by Ms Rachidi to report a crime on 20 October. Unfortunately, also due to the fact that there is no exact information about which Police station in the Hague Ms Rachidi has visited, the Hague Police has no record whatsoever of her visit.

Should indeed the reporting have been refused, based on the fact that Ms Rachidi has a Spanish nationality or the threats originated from Spain, a mistake might have been made.

Of course, based on national legislation, Ms Rachidi has the right report a crime to the Dutch Police, regardless of her nationality. The Police hopes that Ms Rachidi will do so again, and this time her reporting will certainly be registered. Further, Ms Rachidi also has the right to lodge a complaint with the Police about the fact that her earlier reporting of a crime was refused.

We would be very grateful if you could forward this message to Ms Rachidi, and ask her to come to the Hague Police again, or provide us with her contact details so that she may be contacted in person by the Police.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter,

Kind regards,

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