

## CTAЛНА МИСИЈА РЕПУБЛИКЕ СРБИЈЕ ПРИ CABETY ЕВРОПЕ MISSION PERMANENTE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE SERBIE AUPRES DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

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Dear Mr. Director,

With reference to alerts on the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists in respect of the Republic of Serbia, please find attached the response of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia in respect of eight alerts.

In accordance with the envisaged procedure, we kindly ask you to upload it to the Platform.

Please accept, Mr. Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Aleksandra Djurovi Ambassador

Mr. Matjaž Gruden Director Directorate of Policy Planning Council of Europe Strasbourg

## Closure of the Serbian National Press Agency Tanjug, 12.11.2015.

Public enterprise Tanjug news agency (JPNA Tanjug) has gone through two failed attempts at privatization. Following this, the Government of the Republic of Serbia made a decision, in accordance with the Law on Electronic Media, to stop the work of the Tanjug news agency. This decision stipulates that JPNA Tanjug will be deleted from the register of economic entities at the moment of liability settlement to the employees and third parties. Since this condition has not yet been fulfilled, JPNA Tanjug is still operating, but from 1 October 2015, the state does not finance its work.

By adopting a new media strategy, the state will solve the issue of a new national media agency.