



Subject: Reply to a Request

Link: ref. no. 35-01-214 dated 06.06.2017;

In regard to the above referenced document, whereby you request submission of additional information on undertaken measures and on resolving seven reported cases which involved endangering the safety of journalists and violating their rights, we would like to inform you about the following:

2. Concerning the incident that took place on April 19th, 2016 (three journalists from Kosovo were arrested in Skopje including Artan Haraqija, Leonard Kercuki, Halil Halili) the following measures were taken:

- In the area under the jurisdiction of the Police Station of General Competence '*Centar*' during a public gathering, near the rear entrance of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Ilir Ajdini, with a home address 1/1-71 Tale Hristov, Artan Haraqija born 18.06.1981 from Kosovo and Halili Halil born 19.07.1986 from Kosovo, employed as journalists in the news medium from Prishtina '*Gazeta Express*', were apprehended. Namely, they acted contrary to the order given by a uniformed police officer because of the security situation i.e. they did not step away from the building, and thus committed the misdemeanour of "Disrespecting an order given by an authorised official or a state body" under Article 14 of the Law on Misdemeanours against Public Order. In addition, upon establishing their identity and checking their journalist accreditation cards, they were warned in writing and released. However, after reviewing the Police Bulletin of SIA Skopje, it was determined that the person Leonard Kercuki was not registered as a person who had reported an incident or a person against whom police powers were applied.