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Dear Mr. Gruden,

In response to the alert submitted to the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists concerning the new Albanian anti-corruption law, I would like to submit the following information:

The new Law no. 95/2016, "On the organisation and functioning of institutions to encounter corruption and organised crime" was adopted by the Parliament of Albania on 6th October 2016. It was subsequently published at the Official Gazette on 20th October 2016, and entered into force two weeks after its publication.

The final version of article 13 of the Law, as adopted by the Parliament, addressed the concerns raised by the Journalists' associations in Albania. The paragraph 3 of the article 13 reads as follows:

The law guarantees the necessary independence and autonomy of the prosecutors in the decision-taking process, while exercising their constitutional and legal functions, regardless of undue influence, internal or external, from any public or private authority.

I would kindly ask you to upload the above mentioned information to the Platform.

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

Yours sincerely

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