



*Permanent Representation
of Turkey
to the Council of Europe*

Strasbourg, 19 October 2015

Dear Director,

Concerning the alerts issued by the Council of Europe's "Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists" on the list enclosed herewith, submitted by the European Federation of Journalists, the International Federation of Journalists, the Association of European Journalist and the Reporters Without Borders, I am transmitting at annex the responses of the Turkish Government concerning 15 submissions.

Yours sincerely,

Erdoğan İşcan
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Encl.:

- List of alerts
- Information Notes (15)

Mr. Matjaž Gruden
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The Council of Europe

2 Apr 2015 - Form concerning Erol Zavar submitted by EFJ/IFJ under “Journalist Erol Zavar, Suffering from a Cancer, is Serving Life Sentence in Turkey”

Information provided by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Turkey

Erol Zavar is a member of illegal organization DHKP/C (Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front). He was sentenced to life imprisonment by the 11th Chamber of the Ankara High Criminal Court on the grounds of attempting to change the constitutional order by force following the aims of the terrorist organization, of extortion of USD 21,800 from an individual by using a gun and of using a fake police officer identity. The decision in question became final upon the upholding judgment of the 9th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation.