



**Minister of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia
Goran Klemenčič**

Ljubljana, 26 November 2015

Dear Secretary General,

With reference to the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, where Slovenia is mentioned, I would like to inform you that on 20 October 2015, the Act amending the Criminal Code (KZ-1C) entered into force.

Amended Article 260 of the Criminal Code introduces exclusion from criminal liability for the act of disclosing classified information, provided that – given the circumstances – public interest in disclosing classified information outweighs that in maintaining its secrecy.

The legislative amendment reflects the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to strengthen the standards of media freedom in Slovenia in accordance with international norms and standards.

Allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your efforts in advocating the freedom of the media through this Platform. In the light of the adopted legislative amendment I believe that Slovenia can now be removed from the list of countries on this specific Platform.

Please accept, dear Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Klemenčič', written over a light blue horizontal line.

H.E. Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland
Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Strasbourg