



PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF GREECE
TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Permanent Representative

Strasbourg, April 20th, 2016
F. 6686/31/AS 445

Dear Secretary General, *Dear Secretary General*

Further to your informative remarks during the Committee of Ministers' session on 10th September 2015 and onwards with regard to the establishment of the CoE Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists, as well as your specific suggestions to the CoE member states as to "submit timely and comprehensive responses, where an alert concern our country, so that they can also be published", I would like to forward herewith the pertinent responses on behalf of the competent Greek Authorities upon three specific complaints against Greece, which have been posted to the aforementioned Platform.

In view, also, of your valuable observation during the said CoE session that possible replies of the countries on the complaints against them, shall be also published, considering that "this is the best way to make sure all points of view are represented", I would also like to kindly ask you as for the said three replies of my country to be timely published in the Platform.

While remaining convinced that the attached document moves to the right direction in terms of content and concurrently builds upon your previous, relevant, suggestions and observations in this crucial for the function of democracy field of human rights, like the safety of journalism, I would like once more to avail myself of this opportunity in reassuring

my Government's constant and sincere will for a deep and fruitful cooperation with all the organs and mechanisms of this Organization.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stelios Perrakis', written in a cursive style.

Professor Stelios Perrakis

Ambassador

To: H.E. Mr. Thorbjorn Jagland

Secretary General

Council of Europe

3) Greek journalist attacked in the centre of Athens - 4 February 2016 **("Greek Journalist Brutally Attacked during Public Rally")**

Dimitrios Perros, working as a journalist for the municipal radio "Athens 9.84 FM", covered the rallies of 4-2-2016 in the context of a strike organised by the private and public sector workers' confederations.

There were, among other things, a public rally outside the Archaeological Museum of Athens and a march during and after which anti-authoritarian and anarchist groups caused violent incidents.

At approximately 13:00, at the junction of Panepistimiou and Patission streets, a group of five (5) persons separated themselves from the march and attacked the journalist with an unspecified object, injuring him on the head.

A police investigation started immediately and the State Security Sub-Directorate of the Attica Security Directorate was assigned to conduct the preliminary examination.

Moreover, following press reports claiming omissions on the part of the police during the incident, the General Police Directorate of Attica ordered a Preliminary Administrative Inquiry, which **has not been completed yet**.