

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 29 April 2016

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you regarding the case of the Romanian public broadcaster, which is the first alert with regard to Romania submitted to the Platform for the Promotion of the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism. A copy of this alert is attached hereafter.

I believe it is important to ensure that the forthcoming reform of public broadcasting in Romania includes the necessary safeguards to ensure the independence and stability of the public broadcaster, and that these safeguards are duly enshrined in law and in practice. It would be notably important to consider the diversification of the sources of funding of the public broadcaster, in order to sustain and promote public service broadcasting and to ensure appropriate mechanisms for its accountability, in accordance with the principles set out in Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

I am certain you will agree with me that appropriate funding is one of the main factors in securing the independence of the public broadcaster.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, I am ready to offer any expertise you may require in this respect.

Yours sincerely,



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