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— **Mr. Matjaž Gruden**
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Subject: Reply of the Republic of Slovenia on Alert on CoE Platform – Public Insult by Former Prime Minister of Two Journalists

Dear Mr. Gruden,

We would like to thank you for sharing with us the reports by the Slovenian Association of Journalists (DNS), about insult against two female journalists from the TV Slovenia by Former Prime Minister Janez Janša via his personal twitter account. This alert with regard to the Republic of Slovenia was submitted to the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists on 21. March 2016.

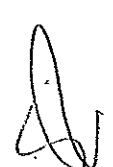
I wish to inform you that on 01. April 2016 the urgent session of the Committee on Culture of the Slovenian National Assembly was held to properly address this issue. After long and substantial discussion the Committee on Culture adopted hereunder decisions:


- The Committee on Culture condemns verbal attacks as a form of political pressure on journalists as well as on the media in general and estimates that such acts are inadmissible for a democratic political system and culture.
- The Committee on Culture calls on public officials to refrain from all acts that constitute disrespectful communication and inadmissible pressure on the freedom of journalist work.
- The Committee on Culture notes the importance of objective and impartial reporting.
- The Committee on Culture proposes to the President of the National Assembly to adopt the Code of Ethics for the Members of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia in the view to reject verbal abuse and other forms of offensive and misbehaviour or public speaking.

In the light of the above, the Republic of Slovenia believes that the Alert in this particular case against of the Republic of Slovenia can be closed.

I am of course happy to provide any additional information needed.

Yours sincerely,


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