

Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe

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Dear Mr. Gruden,

Referring to the case of the journalist S. Ilchenko, arrested by the so-called *security structures* from the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, submitted as an alert to the *Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalist*, I would like to up-date you on the latest developments.

Currently, being extended the term of the temporary accommodation, Mr Ilchenko remains at the Bureau for Migration and Asylum premises. The Ministry of Health is providing free medical assistance in accordance with the national legal framework.

Under the program designated for the graduates from the Transnistrian region, his son was enrolled at the Moldovan State University. He is a beneficiary of a room at the student dorm and of free Romanian language courses.

The national authorities will continue to undertake efforts in order to identify proper solution for this case, as well as of other cases from the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

Sincerely yours,

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