

*Représentation Permanente de la République de Croatie auprès du Conseil de l'Europe*

*Strasbourg, 27 November 2017*

*Dear Mr. Gruden,*

*Following your message of 2 November 2017 and the information on the alert with regard to Croatia that has been submitted to the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism by the partner organisations, I have the honour to convey to you the response of the Croatian authorities in respect of the submitted alert.*

*I would be very much obliged if you could provide for uploading of the response by the Croatian authorities to the Platform and its distribution to the partner organisations.*

*Sincerely yours,*



*Miroslav Papa*

*Ambassador*

*Permanent Representative*

**Mr. Matjaž Gruden**  
**Director**  
**Directorate of Policy Planning**  
**Secretariat General**  
**Council of Europe**

**Information provided by the Croatian authorities regarding the alert submitted to the CoE's Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists**

With reference to the alert of 2 November 2017 and the letter of concern regarding the death threat to public television reporter Maja Sever, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia strongly condemns any attacks on reporters and any actions that may compromise the freedom of the media and expression in the Republic of Croatia. The Republic of Croatia is signatory to numerous international documents including the recommendations of the Council of Europe regarding the freedom of expression and the independence of the media. The Republic of Croatia is seeing to it that the media-related legislation is enforced and continuously improving its normative framework to ensure the highest standards to all the media active in the Republic of Croatia.