

Response from the Croatian Ministry of Culture and Media regarding the alert: “President of Croatian Journalists’ Union Maja Sever Threatened with Dismissal”

The Republic of Croatia is signatory to a number of international treaties and the Council of Europe recommendations concerning the freedom of expression and media freedom, and is securing proper and full implementation of the existing media legislation, in order to provide the highest standards for all media operators active in the Republic of Croatia.

Emphasizing the fact that the Croatian Radiotelevision is independent in providing media services from any political impact or commercial pressures according to the Croatian Radiotelevision Act, the Government of Republic of Croatia, consequently, must not have any impact on business decisions. The Ministry of Culture and Media has publicly advocated for more straightforward procedures and equal treatment of all in any case of suspicion of violence, in the response to the specific actions taken by the management of the Croatian Radio television. The Ministry of Culture and Media has proclaimed its demand referred to management of the Croatian Radiotelevision to clearly and unambiguously explain its actions and decisions to the general public. In case of irregularities identified in any proceedings initiated against the Croatian Radiotelevision, the regulatory bodies may take actions provided by law.