



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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Mr. Adrian Evtuhovici
Coordinator of the Platform
For the Protection of Journalists
Council of Europe

Dear Mr. Evtuhovici,

We wish to refer to the alert created on the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists on 14 June 2021, with the title "Cyprus Newspapers Receive Threats, Cyber-Attacks" and to attach hereto the position of the Republic of Cyprus.

We would be grateful if the reply is published on the Platform.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Permanent Representative



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Position of the Republic of Cyprus

The Alert concerns events that took place in the part of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus where its Government does not exercise effective control, due to the 1974 military invasion and the subsequent occupation of that part of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey.

The unilateral declaration of the illegal secessionist entity in the occupied part of the island was condemned by the UN Security Council which considered the declaration as legally invalid, called for its withdrawal and called upon all States not to recognize any Cypriot state other than the Republic of Cyprus (Resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984)).

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus wishes to recall herewith that the European Court of Human Rights in its Judgement of the 10th of May 2001 on the case of Cyprus v. Turkey, found, at para. 77, that Turkey, which has “effective control over northern Cyprus”, is responsible for securing all human rights under European Convention on Human Rights.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus requests for the appropriate corrections to be made to the text of the Alert.

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