



Permanent Representation of Greece
to the Council of Europe

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Mr Secretary General,

Following the submission of an alert with regard to Greece to the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe, concerning the arrest of journalists working for the Greek newspaper "Fileleftheros" on 23 September 2018, I would like to herewith forward a response by the Ministry of Citizen's Protection of Greece, kindly asking for the said reply to be published in the Platform.

Yours sincerely,

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

To: **Mr Thornbjorn Jagland**
Secretary General
of the Council of Europe

In town



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF CITIZEN'S PROTECTION

On Friday, 21st of September 2018, the Minister of National Defense, through an attorney-at-law, lodged an impeachment at the Exarchia Police Department, against seven persons for libel committed through a daily newspaper.

The following day (Saturday, 22nd of September 2018), three of the sued persons appeared voluntarily at the above mentioned Police Department, where they were arrested and brought before the competent Public Prosecutor's office.