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Dear Secretary General,

Following your specific suggestions to the CoE member states with regards to the CoE Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists as to “submit timely and comprehensive responses, where an alert concern the respective country, so that they can also be published”, I would like to forward herewith the pertinent response on behalf of the competent Greek Authorities concerning the attacks against the Journalist Aris Asvestas, sport editor at Sport JM in Athens (14.2.2018). Furthermore, I would like to kindly ask you as for the said reply of my country to be timely published in the Platform.

While seizing the opportunity to extend to you my wholehearted gratitude for your sincere and truthful cooperation with the Greek Authorities, I would like once more to renew my Government’s unwavering commitment to the challenging mandates of this Organization.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Stelios Perrakis
Ambassador

To: H.E. Thorbjorn Jagland
Secretary General
Council of Europe
As regards the incident in question, we would like to inform you that an investigation is being conducted by the Hellenic Police. The case-file has been submitted to the Prosecutor.