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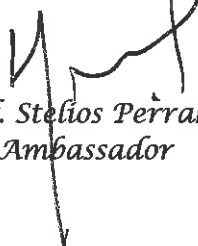
Strasbourg, 28 August 2018
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Dear Secretary General,

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 incidents involving the Journalist Stratis Balaskas in Lesvos, on August 12 and 15. 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. Thornbjorn Jagland*
Secretary General
Council of Europe



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TRANSPARENCY
& HUMAN RIGHTS

With regards to the assault of the journalist **Mr. Stratis Balaskas**, we would like to inform you that the case of the Police Department of Mytilene with registration number 6004/21/29B/21/8/2018 was completed after the filed complaint of the abovementioned person was made before the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Mytilene Court of First Instance with Registration Number of Complaint's Book (RNCB) 2018/68.

Action has been brought against three (3) individuals for insults and threatening and the case has been taken before the First Instance Misdemeanors Court of Mytilene. A continuance was granted and the case is due to be tried on May 21st 2019.