

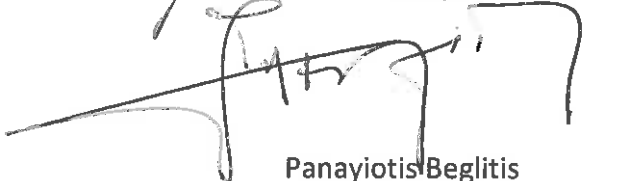


Permanent Representation of Greece
to the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 23 July 2019
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Dear 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 attack against the offices of the weekly newspaper "ATHENS VOICE" in Athens, Greece on 4 July 2019, I would like to inform you, as an initial response on behalf of the Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection that, indeed, on July 04, 2019, at 17.05 unknown persons entered the premises of the newspaper "ATHENS VOICE" at Charilaou Trikoupi 22, Exarchia and caused damages to the offices' equipment, walls and floor. The State Security Sub-Division /General Police Directorate of Attica has initiated a preliminary investigation. More detailed information will be transmitted to you as soon as it becomes available by the competent authorities of Greece.

With my best regards,


Panayiotis Beglitis
Ambassador

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

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