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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 harassment of journalist Anthi Pazianou, 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,

Vassilis Vikas 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

With regard to the reported incidents, we would like to inform you that journalist Ms. PAZIANOU has filed two complaints with the police station of Mytilini for libel and insult, as well as for infringement of the legislation on personal data. According to the complaints, these offences were committed through insulting and defamatory comments against her posted on a social networking page.

As a result of these complaints, a total number of four (4) people were arrested on 8 and 10 September 2018 and brought before the competent prosecuting authority, while two (2) more people have been included in the relevant case-file.