



Permanent Representation of Greece
to the Council of Europe
The Permanent Representative

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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 detention of the Journalist Tony Bosnakoudis, from the police authorities in Alexandroupolis, Greece on May 25, 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. Stefanos Perrakis
Ambassador*

*To: H.E. Thornbjorn Jagland
Secretary General
Council of Europe*



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' PROTECTION
HELLENIC POLICE

In reply to the alert created on July 6th 2018, we would like to inform you that Mr. Antonios BOSNAKOUDIS was taken to the police station of Alexandroupolis on 25th May 2018 for the purpose of investigating his possible involvement in a criminal offence.

Mr. BOSNAKOUDIS did not tell the police that he was acting in his professional capacity as a journalist or that he was carrying out his work as a journalist. Before being taken to the police station, he was video recording, using his mobile phone, police officers performing checks. He initially denied this, but later on he voluntarily presented video files on his mobile phone showing faces of police officers and people checked by them. He then deleted the files claiming that they had been accidentally recorded.

Upon an order by the competent Public Prosecutor, a case-file was opened against him on false unsworn statement to the police and he was released. There is no information whatsoever showing that he was again taken to the police station or arrested from 30-05-2018 to 22-06-2018.