

Hungarian authorities' response to the alert "Dismissal of Index News Website Editor further Constricts Media Independence" (received on 17 August 2020)

"The dismissal of the editor-in-chief of Index.hu is an issue of labour law. The employer (a market actor) has the right to terminate the employment of an employee based on the conditions and reasons stipulated by law. The specific decision of the employer falls outside the competence of the Government, therefore the Government is not in a position to comment on it. The Hungarian legislation fully ensures journalistic and editorial freedom in line with international standards."