



*Il Rappresentante Permanente d'Italia
presso il Consiglio d'Europa
Strasburgo*

Dear Director,

in response to your communication dated 8 August 2024 regarding the alert published on the *Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists* on the raid on Corriere Fiorentino Newsroom and Journalist Simone Innocenti's home, let me provide information received by relevant Authorities in Italy.

On May 17, 2024, the newspaper "Corriere Fiorentino" published an article entitled "The last hours of the suicidal carabinieri", signed by the journalist Innocenti who - referring to the suicide of Car. B., which occurred in Florence on April 22, 2017 - reported, in quotation marks, some passages contained in the judicial police documents drawn up by the Carabinieri Station of Florence Castello for the episode. Following this publication, the Public Prosecutor's Office registered criminal proceedings, for "revelation and use of official secrets", against the journalist and issued a search and seizure order against the suspect, carried out by the Carabinieri of the Judicial Police Section of the aforementioned Judicial Authority.

The criminal proceedings are still pending in the preliminary investigation phase.

I will duly keep you informed about the outcome of the ongoing proceedings.



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