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### NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe presents its compliments to the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and has the honor to forward the new information and update of those earlier provided by the Government of Montenegro to the cases on the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists.

The Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law assurances of its highest consideration.



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**Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law**  
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❖ **"Independent journalist and fixer Jovo Martinović in custody since mid-October 2015"**

As stated in the reply to this question, the case of Jovo Martinovic is not related to his journalistic profession.

Namely, on 22 October 2015, in the international action, the Police Directorate deprived of liberty Martinović Jovo and another 17 persons for the criminal offense of creating a criminal organization referred to in Article 401a paragraph 2 regarding paragraph 1 regarding paragraph 6 of the Criminal Code of Montenegro - unauthorized production, possession and trade of narcotics.

The defendant Martinović Jovo was ordered to be detained by a judge for the investigation of the High Court in Podgorica on 23 October 2015.

Acting in that case, and after the investigation conducted, the Prosecutor's Office filed an indictment against the defendant Martinović Jovo for the criminal offense charged to him. In the meantime, the High Court in Podgorica confirmed the indictment, the trial is under way, and the custody of defendant Martinovic Jovo **was abolished.**

**Taking into account the specific acting and the fact that the case is not related to Martinovic's journalistic profession, closing the case on the CoE Platform for the Promotion of Journalism Protection and the Safety of Journalists is proposed.**

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