

**“The information provided by the Polish Authorities’ concerning the examination of the case of online threats towards the journalist Ms Dorota Bawołek”.**

In response to an alert published on the *Council of Europe’s Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists* on 18 July 2017 following the alleged online threats made against the TV Polsat journalist Ms Dorota Bawołek, I would like to inform you that the National Public Prosecutor’s Office has treated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland’s letter regarding this matter as the notification of an offence. The MFA’s letter was promptly forwarded to the Regional Prosecutor’s Office in Warsaw for assignment to a prosecutor’s office that was competent to examine it procedurally. Moreover, having regard to the fact that at the time when the MFA had informed the National Public Prosecutor’s Office about the above-mentioned incident there was no formal indication of an offence against Ms Dorota Bawołek submitted to the relevant law enforcement authorities, the information provided by the MFA was examined in order to assess the circumstances that could indicate the existence of special features of a prohibited act prosecuted *ex officio*.

By the decision of 22 September 2017 the Warsaw – Mokotów District Prosecutor’s Office refused to institute the preparatory proceedings in the above case concerning the offence provided for in Article 190 § 1 of the Polish Criminal Code due to the lack of the request for prosecution submitted by the person concerned.

Therefore, as it stems from the above the case concerning alleged online threats made against the TV Polsat journalist Ms Dorota Bawołek has now been closed.