



*Missão Permanente de Portugal  
junto do  
Conselho da Europa*

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Subject: Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists | Alert submitted regarding Portugal

Dear Mr. Matjaž Gruden,

I have the honour to inform you that the Portuguese authorities have established an inquiry on the allegations of illegal surveillance of journalists in the context of judicial proceedings, that were the object of the alert submitted on the Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

For this reason, any substantive comments at this stage would be premature.

Yours sincerely,

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Permanent Representative

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