

San Marino, 7 September 2016

Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of
Europe

Nils Muiznieks

Seat

Subject: reply to your letter of 25 August on the Code of Conduct for Media Operators

Dear Commissioner,

I would like to start by thanking you for the attention you paid to the text of the Code of Conduct, for your prompt reply and for the valuable comments made.

As mentioned during our last meeting, before the end of the legislature, the Ministry of Information has made every effort to complete the implementation process of the Law no. 211 of 5 December 2014 "*Law on publishing and the profession of media operators*", while carefully monitoring its effects.

With the adoption of the Code of Conduct and its transposition into a Delegated Decree, the implementation of the various bodies and rules envisaged may be considered as almost completed.

At present, as you may know, an electoral campaign is in progress in San Marino for the election of the new Parliament and the poll will be held on 20 November 2016. After the election, I am sure that the newly appointed Institutions will adopt - as early as possible - the Delegated Decree implementing the Code of Conduct and will carefully analyse your valuable comments, in order to launch, where appropriate, all necessary initiatives to transpose them by reviewing - where necessary - the existing structures.

Despite this transitional period, this Ministry is working to ensure that the recommendations you made, relating to the introduction of a direct representation of media operators within the Supervisory Authority or the appointment of its members in full agreement with the Council for Information, can be implemented as quickly as possible.

While thanking you again on behalf of the Republic of San Marino and looking forward to continuing a constructive and fruitful cooperation, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you my best regards.

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