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Dear Mr. Director,

With reference to alerts on the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists in respect of the Republic of Serbia, please find attached the response of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia in respect of eight alerts.

In accordance with the envisaged procedure, we kindly ask you to upload it to the Platform.

Please accept, Mr. Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Aleksandra Djurović  
Ambassador

Mr. Matjaž Gruden  
Director  
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**Serbian Weekly ‘Vranjske Novine’ Closed Following Administrative Harassment, September 25, 2017.**

The Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Serbia has repeatedly expressed a principled attitude condemning every form of violence and pressure on media representatives or any restriction of their work. The strong and determined opposition of the Ministry to all forms of jeopardizing media freedom and personal integrity of media representatives, the Minister of Culture and Media Vladan Vukosavljević also presented at a meeting with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe Niels Muižnieks. [\*Vukosavljevic and Muižnieks on the media:\*](#)

<http://rs.n1info.com/a366281/Vesti/Vukosavljevic-i-Muiznieks-o-medijima.html>

In accordance with the Law on Public Information and the Media of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Culture and Media is in charge of the realization of public interest by encouraging the diversity of media content, the freedom of expression of ideas and opinions, the free development of independent and professional media, thus contributing to fulfilling the needs of citizens for information and contents from of all areas of life, without discrimination. In the past two years, the Ministry co-financed two projects (*Criminal Proceedings - European Integrations - Domestic Practice* and *Read, Like, Share Bor*) of Vranjske novine in the total amount of 2 000.000,00 dinars (more than 16.000 Euros) at the open call for co-financing of projects for the production of media contents from the field of public information.