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Dear Mr. Gruden,

In response to the Alert published on the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe on 15 October 2018, concerning journalist Željko Matorčević who was attacked on 9 October 2018 by an unidentified young man, I would like to convey the following information received from the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Serbia:

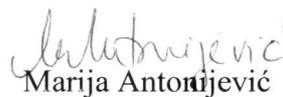
Based on the reports of the Belgrade Police Department on the abovementioned attack, the competent Public Prosecutor's Office in Belgrade opened a criminal case in a special database containing criminal cases pertaining to threats to the safety of journalists and started to collect evidence. In accordance with the Public Prosecutor's orders, police officers have so far interviewed Mr. Matorčević as well as potential witnesses of the event, collected medical documentation on the injuries suffered by Mr. Matorčević and made polygraph tests of the other persons potentially relevant for further investigation.

Other actions aimed at identifying the perpetrator of the attack as well as establishing all relevant facts are in progress and I will keep you informed about them accordingly.

I remain at your disposal for any further communication.

Yours sincerely,

Chargé d'affaires *a.i.*


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Mr Matjaž Gruden
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