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Dear Mr Gruden,

With reference to the alert published on the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe on 19 March 2019, concerning the violent entry by anti-government protesters into the public TV building, please find attached the response of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia.

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

Yours sincerely,


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Ambassador

Mr Matjaž Gruden
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- **Public TV Building Stormed by Anti-Government Protesters, 19.03.2019**

The Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Serbia publicly condemned on 16 March 2019 the entry of protestors into the building of Radio-Television Serbia by issuing the following statement:

„The entry of protestors into the building of Radio-Television Serbia represents the crossing of that delicate line that distinguishes society from anarchy and lawlessness. We are inviting the group that entered the RTS building to withdraw, and those supporting them, to abstain from such actions.

Political views and demands, whatever they may be, should not be expressed in a manner contrary to law, public order and the general interest of society.

The Ministry of Culture and Media strongly condemns the actions that lead to the affirmation of any form of force that could, in addition to violating the law, introduce additional tension and exclusion to our society. The storming of the RTS building is a sad attempt in this direction.“

The Ministry of Culture and Media condemns the entry of protestors to the RTS building:
<http://kultura.gov.rs/cvr/aktuelnosti/ministarstvo-kulture-i-informisanja-osudjuje-ulazak-demonstranata-u-zgradu-rts-a>