

**Statement of the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the Council of
Europe to the alert submitted
to the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists on 26
February 2018 entitled „ Slovak Investigative Journalist Killed at Home“**

Further to the previous communication, I would like to provide a new information on a recent development concerning the investigation of the murder of the investigative journalist Ján Kuciak and his fiancée Martina Kušnírová.

Last Thursday (14 March 2019) a representative of the Special Prosecutor's office informed about the bringing of criminal charges against an alleged instigator of the murder of Ján Kuciak and Martina Kušnírová.

Let me seize this opportunity to reiterate a strong commitment of the Slovak Republic to fully cooperate with the Platform and to provide further information concerning a development of the investigation.