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**Mr. Matjaž Gruden**  
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**Subject: Reply of the Republic of Slovenia to the Alert on the CoE Platform from 11 June 2018 - Threats against Slovenian journalists from the public broadcaster RTV Slovenia**

Dear Mr. Gruden,

We would like to thank you for sharing with us the reports from NGO Civic Space Watch concerning the alleged threats against Slovenian journalists from the public broadcaster RTV Slovenia. This alert was submitted to the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists on 11 June 2018.

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, the competent ministry for the freedom of speech in Slovenia, has informed us that the replay to this issue was published on their web site, available through the attached link: [http://www.mk.gov.si/si/medijsko\\_sredisce/novica/7631/](http://www.mk.gov.si/si/medijsko_sredisce/novica/7631/).

In their response they added that the Ministry of Culture advocates respect for the freedom of expression and the right to be informed as the fundamental democratic right and therefore most strongly condemns all forms of attack and intimidation of journalists as well as all forms of interference with the freedom of the journalistic work. The Ministry stresses that the exercise of the freedom of expression includes duties and responsibilities, calling on the media and journalists to respect professional codes, codes of ethics, and international standards of journalism in their work.

I am of course happy to provide any additional information needed.

Yours sincerely,

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