



*El Embajador Representante Permanente
de España en el Consejo de Europa*

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*Monsieur Matjaz GRUDEN
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Monsieur le Directeur,

Concernant l'alerte émise le 21 septembre 2017 par la Plateforme du Conseil de l'Europe pour renforcer la protection du journalisme et la sécurité des journalistes, suite à la publication de la Fédération européenne des journalistes et de la Fédération internationale des journalistes, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir ci-joint la réponse des autorités compétentes de l'Espagne afin de la rendre publique sur site Internet de la Plateforme.

Je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Directeur, en l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Javier Gil Catalina

P.J. : Réponse de l'Espagne concernant l'alerte émise le 21/09/2017 par la Plateforme concernant les « La gendarmerie nationale intervient dans plusieurs rédactions catalanes »

Reply from the Spanish authorities to the alert issued on 21 September 2017 by the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, following the publication of the European Federation of journalists and the International Federation of Journalists about “The Guardia Civil Raids Several Catalan Newsroom”

The Spanish Constitutional Court had banned all acts aimed at supporting the preparation of said referendum in its decision of 7 September 2017.

The Prosecutor’s Office of the Autonomous Community of Catalonia requested before Catalonia’s High Court of Justice that, as a precautionary measure, the dissemination in Catalan newspapers of institutional advertisements on the illegal referendum be banned. The judge of Catalonia’s High Court deemed the measure appropriate.

The searchers measures were in no way aimed at curtailing the freedom of expression of said media, but, rather, to prevent those media from providing any kind of illegal support for the holding of a referendum that had been suspended by the Spain’s Constitutional Court.

Civil Guard’s actions were carried out in their capacity as judicial police designated by the court to assist it in its duties, and not as a State security force, pursuant to Article 29 of Organic Law 2/1986, of 13 March.

The webpages closed down did not contain opinions or personal judgements; they only presented practical instructions for the performance of an act- moreover, an illegal act.