



*Representación Permanente de España
en el Consejo de Europa
Estrasburgo*

Mr. Matjaž Gruden
Director
Directorate of Democratic Participation
Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 23 May 2025

Dear Director,

In relation to the alert No. 46/2025, "Canal Sur Journalist and Camera Operator Attacked While on Assignment" issued by the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, I have the honor to convey to you the following comments.

On 10 March 2025, at the iron bridge of Estación de Cártama (Málaga), there was an incident between an individual under the influence of alcohol and a journalist and a camera operator who were reporting live for *Canal Sur* on the heavy rains in the area.

There was a struggle between them that resulted in minor injuries, with the alleged aggressor reportedly attempting to throw the technical equipment into the river. As a result of this incident, the camera operator later reported to the main post of the Civil Guard (*Guardia Civil*) of Cártama, filing a complaint against the perpetrator for threats and (unassessed) damage to the camera and its tripod.

Patrol units from both the Local Police of Cártama and the Civil Guard arrived at the scene, with the latter proceeding to identify all parties involved and to initiate proceedings number 2025-002088-000342, which were forwarded to the Judicial Allocation Office in Málaga.

These events are currently under investigation by the competent court.

I seize the opportunity to convey to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Juan Ignacio Morro