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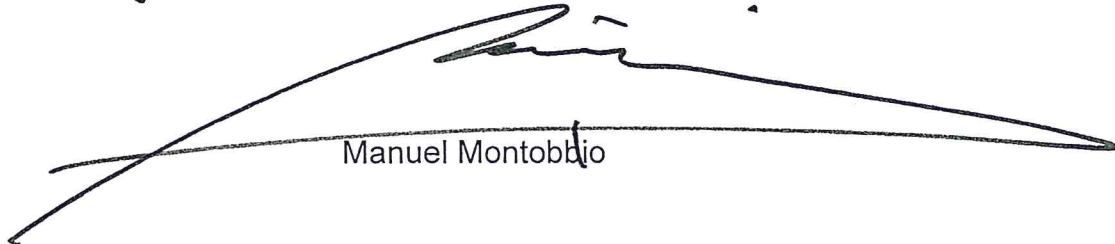
Dear Director Gruden,

I have the honour to transmit the position of my Government to the alert "El Diario Director Ignacio Escolar Summoned to Disclose Source" created on the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists on November 4th, 2021.

It shall be highlighted that the issue in question pertains to an open case before a Court. Therefore, the Government of Spain, while taking note of the alert, understands that, according to the separation of powers, it would be inappropriate to make any comment, in order not to interfere with the independence of the Judges.

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

Yours sincerely,


Manuel Montobbio