

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

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Dear Director,

In relation to the alert No. 21/2024, "Journalist Rosa Roda Denied Accreditation by the Murcia Region", of the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, I have the honour to convey to you the following comments on behalf of the Government of the Region of Murcia.

According to the Spanish Constitutional Court (including Constitutional Court Ruling 30/1982, of June 1, 1982), the accreditation of journalists and media professionals for institutional events (including freelance journalists) responds to the establishment of objective criteria for their selection, owing to possible space limitations.

The Region of Murcia does not have any guidelines with objective criteria for the accreditation of journalists, as do other public bodies and administrations at the national and European levels. Therefore, the Government of Murcia claims that no accreditation has been denied or granted, since it does not have any specific criteria in this regard.

Ms. Rosa Roda stopped receiving the press releases of the Government of Murcia to the corporate e-mail of the media Onda Cero that she worked for, since this account was disabled after the termination of her employment relationship. In any case, these press releases are publicly available at the website of the Government of the Region of Murcia.

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

Yours sincerely,

Juan Ignago Morro