Subject: Reply to a Request

Link: ref. no. 35-01-214 dated 06.06.2017;

In regard to the above referenced document, whereby you request submission of additional information on undertaken measures and on resolving seven reported cases which involved endangering the safety of journalists and violating their rights, we would like to inform you about the following:

5. Concerning the incident that took place on February 28th, 2017 in Skopje, when the journalist Aleksandar Todevski and the camera operator Vladimir Zhelchevski were attacked, as well as when the journalist Borjan Jovanovski was verbally attacked by a teenager, and Ana Petrushevska from Birn was harassed on Tweeter, the following measures were undertaken:

- the incident that took place on 28.02.2017 was reported in the Police Station of General Competence ‘Centar’ as a criminal act of “Violence”. SIA Skopje – Violent Crime Unit filed criminal charges in the Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office, against a person registered in the court book KU under the number 2179/17;
- The incident concerning Borjan Jovanovski was reported as an incident in the Police Station of General Competence ‘Centar’. A uniformed police officer from the Police Station of General Competence ‘Centar’ took a statement from the reporter Borjan Jovanovski and an Initial Incident Report of a reported incident was made, and a shift leader in the Police Station of General Competence ‘Centar’ drafted an Official Report;
- SIA Skopje – Police Station of General Competence ‘Centar’ established that the misdemeanours under article 4 “Yelling, shouting, impertinent and rude conduct in a public place” and under Article 5 “Throwing and breaking glasses and other object in a public place” of the Law on Misdemeanours against Public Order were committed, which will be considered after the submission of appropriate motions, if the perpetrator is found;
- After reviewing the Police Bulletin of SIA Skopje, it was established that the person Ana Petrushevska was not registered as a person who had reported an incident or a person against whom police powers were applied.