

**The President**

Dimitrios Papadimoulis  
Vice-President of the European Parliament

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Dear Vice-President PAPADIMOULIS,

Thank you for your letter concerning an article published on the European Parliament's website related to press freedom.

After having consulted with the relevant services, I can inform you that the article you make reference to was updated and republished on Thursday 19 May 2022.

As the report in question was primarily based on information published by third parties, (in this instance, *Reporters Without Borders*), the editorial teams updated the article to focus it around Parliament's recent debates and decisions on the freedom of the media.

As a Sakharov Prize laureate, *Reporters Without Borders* benefit from great respect, and I want to reiterate that the decision to update the article was an editorial one with no intention to create any political controversy.

The European Parliament has always sought to and will continue to defend a strong and free press and I know that I can continue to rely on your personal expertise on these issues going forward.

Yours sincerely,



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