

To: Mr Filip Vujanović , President of Montenegro

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Mr Raško Konjević; Minister of Internal Affairs,
Mr Zoran Pažin, Minister of Justice
Mrs Mitja Drobnic EU Delegation, Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro
Mr Ranko Krivokapić, President of the Parliament of Montenegro
Mrs Ivica Stanković, Chief State Prosecutor

Brussels, 19 June 2015

Dear President,

We are writing on behalf of the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), the largest organisation of journalists in Europe, representing over 320.000 journalists in 61 journalists' organisations across 40 countries, to express our concerns about the increased lack of respect for journalists' and media workers' right by the employers on decent salaries, fair remuneration for freelancers, trade union rights and the rights to collective bargaining in Montenegro and the region.

To this respect, please find enclosed a statement adopted by this year's Annual meeting of the EFJ, which took place in Budva on 2nd June.

The EFJ is in particular concerned about the case of journalist Tufik Softic, who because of his investigative reporting, was brutally beaten eight years ago. We deeply regret that no concrete action has been done to bring the perpetrators, who are behind these attacks, to justice. Two years ago, a bomb was thrown in his backyard. This case has not been resolved. Softic is under constant police protection for a year and a half now.

We hope that you will give your utmost attention to our concerns and follow up Softic's case by taking prompt actions to find the perpetrators.

Yours Sincerely,

Mogens Blicher Bjerregård



EFJ President

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