



**PERMANENT DELEGATION OF TURKEY
TO UNESCO**

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Dear Mr. Berger,

With reference to your request dated 4 March 2016, Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2016/44 for updated information about the journalists killed in Turkey, I would like to bring the following information to your attention.

1. *Hrant Dink Case (2007):* There are 35 suspects five of which are currently being tried under arrest. The 5th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Appeals concluded in favour of appellate review, sending the case back to 14th Criminal Court for "retrial". Following this judgement, the case has been transferred before the 14th Criminal Court of Istanbul and combined with the file of the 5th Criminal Court.

2. *Cihan Hayirsevener Case (2009):* The verdict has been issued about the accused by the 10th Criminal Court of Turkey in 2013. The defendants appealed the verdict and the file is currently under review by the Court of Appeals.

3. The investigations on the killings of Ibrahim Abdel Qader, Fares Hammadi and Naji Jerf are in progress, and information regarding those investigations can not be made public at this stage, due to the confidentiality clause of Article 157 of Law of Criminal Procedure.

Turkish authorities who provided above information regarding Hrant Dink and Cihan Hayirsevener case-files, have no objection to reflection of this information at Secretariat's website, under IPDC 2012 Decision on Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

Please accept, Mr. Berger, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,


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