



Delegación Permanente de El Salvador ante UNESCO

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Paris, France, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mister Director,

I wish to refer to the case of journalist Karla Lisseth Turcios Cortez, who was murdered in El Salvador on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and whose killing was condemned by a public statement by UNESCO's Director General, Audrey Azoulay.

In relation to the case of journalist Karla Lisseth Turcios Cortez, the Government of El Salvador, through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, would like to communicate the following information:

*"We are currently carrying out an investigation under the reference **0255-UAEM-2018-SA**, for the crime of Aggravated Femicide against Karla Turcios, whose right to life was violated.*

*This investigation is being processed against Mr. Mario Alberto Huezco Portillo, who was arrested after an arrest warrant was issued on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. The case has been judicialized and the Eleventh Judge of Peace of San Salvador decreed formal instruction with provisional detention against Mr. Mario Alberto Huezco Portillo.*

*Currently, the case is in its phase of instruction in the Specialized Court of Instruction for a Life free of Violence and Discrimination for Women of San Salvador. It is necessary to inform that the Eleventh Judge of Peace of San Salvador has qualified the case as reserved, so it is not possible to detail the steps taken, since the right to publicity has been limited, in accordance with the procedural regulations".*

I take this opportunity to confirm that the Government of El Salvador is committed to ensuring Freedom of Expression and protecting journalists and other media workers in our territory.

Best Regards,

  
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