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Dear Mr. Director,

Referring to the letter of 4 April 2018 (Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2018/380) I have the honor to transmit herewith document prepared by the Ministry of Information Policy of Ukraine regarding the status of legal investigations and other actions taken by Ukraine to promote the safety of journalists and combat impunity.

I would be grateful if the mentioned document could be transmitted to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Please, accept, dear Mr. Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Encl.: mentioned document.

Yours sincerely,

**Oleh Shamshur
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**Mr. Guy Berger
Director
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Model Table assisting responses by Member States

Section 1: Table

Current List of Journalists Killed (as condemned by the UNESCO Director-General) and Legal Investigations (as reported by UNESCO Member States)

Date: To be sent to UNESCO before 30 May 2018

Name of journalist	Gender	Date of alleged murder	Investigating Authority	Case Number	Current Status	Verdict	Additional remarks
Viacheslav Veremii	Male	19 February 2014	General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine	-	Currently, the location of listed individuals has not been established, therefore they are declared to be fugitives	The Pechersk District Court of Kyiv declared the preventive measures in the form of detention to them	-
Andrea Rocchelli	Male	24 May 2014	The Security Service of Ukraine, the investigation department of the Sloviansk branch of the Head Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Donetsk Oblast	120140510001523 dated 25 May 2014	Within the criminal proceeding, criminal intelligence activities aimed at identifying individuals which may be implicated in the above crime are being carried out. As of now the criminal proceeding file has not included the forensic medical conclusions, because the autopsy was carried out in the morgue in Sloviansk, controlled by representatives of "DPR" at that time. Due to the fact that the forensic expert left for the Russian Federation	The prejudicial inquiry into the circumstances of A. Rocchelli death is still being held	-

Andrei Mironov	Male	24 May 2014	The Security Service of Ukraine, the investigation department of the Sloviansk branch of the Head Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Donetsk Oblast	120140510001523 dated 25 May 2014	<p>it is impossible to establish his whereabouts and interrogate him on the autopsy and the location the expert analyses conclusions</p> <p>Within the criminal proceeding, criminal intelligence activities aimed at identifying individuals which may be implicated in the above crime are being carried out.</p> <p>As of now the criminal proceeding file has not included the forensic medical conclusions, because the autopsy was carried out in the morgue in Sloviansk, controlled by representatives of "DPR" at that time. Due to the fact that the forensic expert left for the Russian Federation it is impossible to establish his whereabouts and interrogate him on the autopsy and the location the expert analyses conclusions</p>	The prejudicial inquiry into the circumstances of A. Rocchelli death is still being held	-
Oles Buzyna	Male	16 April 2015	General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine, The investigation	-	<p>The pre-trial investigation production is suspended due to the need to perform the procedural actions within the international cooperation</p>	Polishcuk, D.V. and Medvedko, A. O. were served with charge papers on the commission of the said crime	-

Pavel Sheremet	Male	20 July 2016	department of the Prosecutor's Office in the city of Kyiv	The General Investigative Department of the National Police of Ukraine, The Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice	№ 12016100000001206	A pre-trial investigation within the specified criminal proceeding continues, and the investigations aimed at the full, comprehensive and objective investigation of all the circumstances of the crimes committed are being carried out	-
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Section 2: Positive or Innovative Measures the Member State is taking to promote safety of journalists and combat impunity

Activity	Actors	Outcome(s)
Upon an intentional homicide of a correspondent of the "Visti" newspaper Viacheslav Veremii, which took place on 19.02.2014 in the city of Kyiv, the former Desnianskyi District Department's Investigation Department of the General Directorate of the	General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine, The Pechersk District Court of Kyiv, National Police of Ukraine	The specified criminal proceeding has been sent for further investigation to the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine

<p>MIA in Kyiv initiated a pre-trial investigation within the criminal proceedings</p>		
<p>The prejudicial inquiry into the circumstances of A. Rocchelli and A. Mironov's death is still being held. Within the criminal proceeding, criminal intelligence activities aimed at identifying individuals which may be implicated in the above crime are being carried out</p>	<p>The Security Service of Ukraine, the investigation department of the Sloviansk branch of the Head Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Donetsk Oblast, civil society</p>	<p>It is hoped that the active stance of the Council of Europe and the Special Monitoring Mission of the OSCE to Ukraine will help finish the investigation involving all individuals concerned, making it possible to identify those implicated in the crime</p>
<p>The prejudicial inquiry into the circumstances of A. Rocchelli and A. Mironov's death is still being held. Within the criminal proceeding, criminal intelligence activities aimed at identifying individuals which may be implicated in the above crime are being carried out</p>	<p>The Security Service of Ukraine, the investigation department of the Sloviansk branch of the Head Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Donetsk Oblast, civil society</p>	<p>It is hoped that the active stance of the Council of Europe and the Special Monitoring Mission of the OSCE to Ukraine will help finish the investigation involving all individuals concerned, making it possible to identify those implicated in the crime</p>
<p>A considerable amount of investigative activity has been carried out within the criminal proceedings, and measures have been taken to ensure the full and impartial investigation into the circumstances in which the crime was committed. Responses to requests within the framework of international cooperation, sent to the competent</p>	<p>General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine, The investigation department of the Prosecutor's Office in the city of Kyiv, civil society, journalists</p>	<p>The jurisdiction within the said criminal proceedings has been placed under control of the Prosecutor's Office</p>

<p>authorities of the United States of America and the Italian Republic, are expected</p>		
<p>The Ukrainian National Police and the Security Service of Ukraine, is working on four main hypotheses concerning the motives for the murder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - professional journalistic activity; - personal hostile relations; - destabilization of the situation in Ukraine; - mistake relative to the object (the car belonged to O. Prytula) 	<p>The General Investigative Department of the National Police of Ukraine, The Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, civil society, journalists</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Government, Minister of Information Policy of Ukraine Yurii Stets initiated the establishment of the interagency working group of law enforcement authorities with the aim of a prompt and high-quality investigation into the death of Pavel Sheremet.</p> <p>The status of the investigation is under the permanent control of the General Prosecutor of Ukraine. The President of Ukraine is systematically informed about the progress of the investigation</p>

Section 3: Steps the Member State has taken to consider the specific risks faced by women journalists in the exercise of their work

In Ukraine, men and women have equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities within the journalistic profession.

Section 4: Agreement to post the submitted information on UNESCO's dedicated webpage

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