

PERMANENT DELEGATION OF TURKEY

TO UNESCO

Ambassador

H.E. Mr. Getachew Engida Deputy **G**irector-General UNESCO

Dear Deputy Director-General,

With reference to your letter dated 17 February 2014, Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2014/11 on request for updated information about the journalist killings related to Mr. Hrant Dink and Cihan Hayırsevener, I have the pleasure of sharing the following information with you:

- Hrant Dink (2007): The 9th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation concluded the appellate review with a quashing judgement. Following this judgement, the case is still pending in the 5th Criminal Court of Istanbul and some further legal investigation is ongoing.

-Cihan Hayırsevener (2009): The case-file is under appellate review.

The relevant authorities that provided the above-mentioned information about Dink and Cihansevener case-files, have no negative consideration vis-à-vis the availability of this information on the Secretariat's website, as provided for in the IPDC Decision on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity (2012).

Please accept, Mr. Deputy Director-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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