



**PERMANENT DELEGATION OF TURKEY  
TO UNESCO**

*Ambassador*

*Ref. No: 2014/71965393/8238251*

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*Dear Mr. Berger,*

*With reference to your letter dated 18 February 2015, Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2015/838 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 in favour of appellate review, sending the case back to the criminal court for retrial. Following this judgement, the case is pending before the 5th Criminal Court of Istanbul and legal investigation continues.*

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

*Turkish authorities that provided the above-mentioned information about Dink and Cihansevener case-files, have no objection vis-à-vis the availability of the foregoing information on Secretariat's website, as provided for in the IPDC Decision on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, in 2012.*

*We would appreciate if you could underline in your report that the requested information has been provided by the Government of Turkey.*

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

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