



*Permanent Delegation
of the Republic of Bulgaria
to UNESCO*

Ref: No U-02-2327

Dear Mr. Berger,

In reference to your letter No CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2015/838 dated 18th of February 2015 concerning the killing of the Bulgarian journalist Bobi Tsankov please find below the information you kindly required from the competent Bulgarian authorities:

“The pre-trial proceedings for the murder/assassination of the journalist Boris Tsankov began on January 5th, 2010, the day of the crime.

The investigation carried out all the proceedings related to the collection of evidence and clarification of circumstances, while representatives of the Ministry of interior executed a number of operational and further investigation actions.

Regrettably those actions did not lead to uncover the perpetrator of the crime, nor did they lead to identify the murderer’s gender, age or physical description.

On January 15th, 2013, following a ruling of the Prosecutor who monitors the trial, the pre-trial proceedings were stopped since the perpetrators of the crime has not been discovered. Hence, all documents and data related to the trial were sent to Sofia Police Department so that the experts may continue their work on the investigation and the identification of the unknown perpetrator.

The trial was resumed on August 25th, 2014 due to a need to carry out a forensic medical analysis.”

I take this opportunity to let you know that the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Bulgaria to UNESCO agrees to post this information on the UNESCO’s website according to the IPDC Decision on the Safety of Journalism and the Issue of Impunity.

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

Paris, 9th of June 2015,

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