

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 29 June 2011

Dear Ms Darbshire,

I should like to thank you and all the representatives of international human rights, media and journalists' organisations for your letter of 10 June 2011. I have carefully noted the concerns expressed therein.

We all agree that the protection of freedom of expression, as guaranteed by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, requires continuous efforts to be made by all member states of the Council of Europe.

As regards follow-up to the Reykjavik Ministerial Conference Resolution to which you make reference in your letter, I am pleased to inform you that the Steering Committee on the Media and New Communication Services decided at its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (14 - 17 June 2011 in Strasbourg) to provide guidance to member states, possibly in the form of a Committee of Ministers' recommendation, for the review of their anti-terrorism legislation and practice.

Further, let me assure you that I am actively pursuing the implementation of the Committee of Ministers' Declaration of 13 January 2010 on measures to promote the respect of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Yours sincerely,



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