



DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA TO THE OSCE
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Statement by Ambassador Zoran Dabik, Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Macedonia to the OSCE in response to the RFoM Mijatovic

Thank you Mr. Moderator,

On behalf of the Macedonian delegation, I would like to extend a warm welcome to RFoM Mijatovic to the HDIM and to commend her tireless efforts to improve media freedom and freedom of expression in the OSCE area.

We are more than aware that media appear to be one of the pillars of the modern democratic societies, thus we share a common objective and strive for establishment of a free environment for the media.

As for the mentioned case by the distinguished Representative which is in the midst of legal proceeding, I would like to underscore that the charges against Mr. Kezarovski are not being brought up against his profession or writings whatsoever but for an act of revealing of an identity of a protected witness, an act which according to the national legislation is prescribed as a criminal act.

At the end, dear colleagues, allow me to assure that we are firm on the course to further improve media environment in the Republic of Macedonia and looking forward to furthering our cooperation with Madam Mijatovic's office in good faith.