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The Chairperson / Le Président

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Dear Mr Mendes Bota,

Further to our contacts with the secretariat of your national delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, I should like to invite you to the **Parliamentary Conference on Media Freedom and the Security of Journalists** organised by the PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media in cooperation with the Committee on Culture, Education and Communication of the **French Senate**, which will host the conference **in Paris on 4 December 2014**.

The conference is part of the Council of Europe action towards strengthening its role and intervention capacity regarding the protection of journalists' safety. Please find attached the draft programme for the conference, during which interpretation will be provided in English, French, German, Italian and Russian.

I should be grateful if you would actively participate in the discussion of this subject in your capacity as chair of the parliamentary committee dealing with media matters in your country.

I should appreciate if you would confirm your participation as soon as possible and in any case by 14 November at the latest. In case you are not in a position to participate, you are welcome to nominate another member from your committee.

Upon request, the Assembly may be in a position to finance the participation of you or your representative. In this case, a separate invitation letter containing the details for the reimbursement of costs will be sent to you or your representative as soon as we have your confirmation.

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Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures

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