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**URGENT**

8 August 2018

Your Excellency,

## **Daphne Caruana Galizia deceased**

We are instructed by the Caruana Galizia family as part of an international team of lawyers.

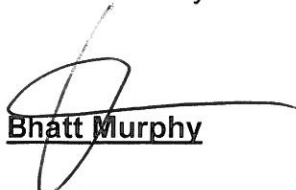
The family has grave concerns regarding the ongoing absence of any investigation in Malta into whether Ms Caruana Galizia's assassination could have been prevented. A public inquiry into that crucial question is of high importance to the family in their search for the truth of the full circumstances surrounding the loss of Ms Caruana Galizia's life. It is also essential to identifying any measures necessary for the protection of other investigative journalists and anti-corruption campaigners in Malta.

The focus of the current investigations, including the Magistrate Camilleri's inquiry, is on individual criminal culpability rather than on the State's duty to protect Ms Caruana Galizia's right to life.

We have advised that this failure to investigate such a central issue is in clear breach of the Malta's obligation to the family under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights. An Opinion prepared with counsel shall be delivered to the High Commission on 9 August 2018, which sets out in detail the legal basis for the family's urgent request for a public inquiry.

Please note our interest and ensure that all correspondence in relation to the family's request for a public inquiry is directed to Mr Tony Murphy of this firm.

Yours faithfully

  
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