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### Report of the Monitoring and Analysis Service of the REM

# Ex officio procedure

Against: Insajder tim d.o.o, Beograd – Informer TV

**Summary**: Based on the letter by Djordje Mrkalj from Obrež, the Monitoring and Analysis Service was notified about the content broadcast on *Informer TV* on 25 December 2024, in which, as stated, swear words and scandalous behaviour of the TV station owner was observed.

At the request of the Regulator, the media service provider submitted a recording of the programme broadcast.

#### Report

Based on a letter from Djordje Mrkalj from Obrež, the REM Monitoring and Analysis Service was notified about the content broadcast on *Informer TV* on 25 December 2024, in which, as pointed out by Mrkalj, swear words were heard in live programme without beeps and scandalous behaviour of the owner of the TV station Dragan Vučićević. The time of broadcasting of the disputed content was 21.00. In the aforementioned time, the Treći kolegijum Informera programme was broadcast, starting at 20:32:46, in which the editorial team of the television channel commented on current affairs. Talking about teachers and professors, their demands and protests, Vučićević said that the events had nothing to do with wages and investigations, laws, but with: the ambition of all of them, those organising all this, to take Vučić's head off, to kill President Vučič. That is their goal! To capture the state, to seize the power by force! (20:45:43) As an illustration, a captioned segment from N1 was broadcast, in which a guest journalist explains the concept of a general strike that would result in a transitional government, mentions the fall of Ceausescu and the events from 1989, saying: at this moment, Vučić's regime is quite reminiscent of that regime. This was followed by a cut and a

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stop frame with a typed caption: Ceauşescu has been executed!, the text that the guest does not say (in the background there is ambient music and then the sound of typing on a machine).



Vučićević continued to comment on how it was clear that *they* wanted to capture the state by force, that an attempted coloured revolution, the seizure of power was under way. Then he said: *oh, come on, porn star Miketić, drug addict Djordje Miketić attacked this morning, tried to break into the Assembly of the City of Belgrade by force, let's see insert number two. A sequence was broadcast that was edited from the frames of a sexually explicit video of Miketić and an unknown female, and the footage of the events in front of the City Assembly (20:48:17—20:49:41).* 



Vučićević: Who spilt paint this morning, vandalised the centre of Belgrade, Djordje Miketić, drug addict Djordje Miketić. And it is no coincidence, just as it is no coincidence that the biggest Ustasha among the former Democratic Party officials, Goran Ješić, one of the biggest neo-Ustashas in Serbia today, Goran Ješić, threatens, says there will be chaos, we will be violent, it is a matter of moment when this country will stop because our target is Vučić. That is insert number 15, and, control room, we have to see this?

An edited sequence with captions not said by Ješić follows:



The editor continued to explain the broadcast sequences, and then read the news from the Informer portal that Maria Zakharova, spokesperson for the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stated that the Western countries were waging a coloured revolution in Serbia. A guest appearance by Branko Ružić, a highranking SPS official with Ivan Ivanović is commented by Vučićević in a negative context: I am so fed up with you commie Socialists... quit lying that you've got it under control, oh, the things I would like to say! ... How about this, Branko Ružić and Ivan Ivanović kissing on the lips, while Ivan Ivanović calls for raping, heaven forbid, President Vučić! ... He threatens that he will ride everyone like horses, me and everyone who thinks like me. Ivica Dačić, blink twice if you have been abducted... You are all scr....g around, please excuse my French, little children are already asleep, so I can use that specific expression, who do you think you are scr...g around with... On Friday evening, Vice President of SPS will be a guest on Veče sa Ivanom Ivanovićem on Blic TV that is financed by Telekom, the government, I, we, the government are paying for us to be..., how shall I put it without being crude, we know who is in charge of all of this, Ivica Dačić, are you alive?!... He is a mutt, I have known him since he was a student, we studied together (talking about Ružić), my God, they say it is not a propaganda war, like hell it isn't?! (20:56:19)

The text from the portal titled *Partizan fans will be delighted*, was commented on by Vučićević: ...with Octoja, who is not a faggot, I am not saying this for the sake of Partizan, but for the sake of Ostoja who is not a faggot,

I apologise... I support Partizan Basketball Club, it is our club that has won more trophies that any other club, only Ostoja is not a faggot. What does Ostoja, who is not a faggot, say? ...And there they weren't yelling about a faggot and all, they were perhaps yelling Ostoja Non-Faggot. The broadcast ran until 21:13:48.

#### **Conclusion**

By reviewing the disputed content, i.e. the Treći kolegijum Informera broadcast, inappropriate and highly dubious commenting of current affairs by Dragan J. Vučićević, the editor, was observed. The views expressed were substantiated by tendentiously edited segments with the aim of defaming persons belonging to different political options, but also by railing against media and certain journalists, claiming that they were all part of a broader conspiracy that aims to take over power or kill the president. Disturbing information was communicated along with insults, slander, shaming, swear words, threats, raised voice. Segments with sexually explicit content were included in the cut, which were not in any way related to the information being broadcast. With his manner of hosting the broadcast, inappropriate commenting, diminishing the relevance of legal norms and rules of conduct, Vučićević imposes a style that fully dismantles the attained standards in journalism. It introduces aggressive and highly harmful vocabulary that is not suitable for any medium, and which, according to the current regulations, must be sanctioned.

The observed content is in violation of the Law on Electronic Media, Article 61, Paragraph 1 - In relation to its programme content and in accordance with its programme concept, the media service provider shall: 1) provide free, true, objective, complete and timely information;

3) contribute to raising the general cultural and educational level of citizens

## Rulebook on the Protection of Human Rights in the area of Madia Service Provision:

**Article 4, Paragraph 1** - The media service provider shall ensure the provision of free, true, objective, complete and timely information, and in particular that news and current affairs programmes truly and objectively present facts and events and encourage free formation of opinions.

Article 7, Paragraphs 1, 3 - When providing information to the public, the media service provider shall ensure objectivity in its information provision that is appropriate to the nature of the information, the area of social life to which it relates and the nature of the programme content in which the information is broadcast, with the highest degree of objectivity required when providing information about the issues referred to in the Article 6, paragraph 1 of this Rulebook.

Within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article, the media service provider shall in particular separate factual reporting clearly from opinions or comments, ensure that a personal belief of the editor or journalist does not have a discriminatory impact on the selection of the topic and the manner of its presentation, not broadcast comments of an offensive nature, and shall refrain from manipulating statements, communications, photographs and other content in order to change their basic meaning.

**Article 9, Paragraph 3** - The current affairs programme host may present, during the programme, his or her opinion on the issue that is the topic of the said programme, but the media service provider must not allow the host to use such an opportunity to promote personal beliefs in a manner that violates the obligation of the media service provider to provide objective information to the public.

**Article 13, Paragraph 1** - If the media service provider uses a video or photograph of a particular person, event or phenomenon when broadcasting certain information, it shall: 1) ensure that the video or photograph is consistent, in terms of its nature and content, with the information being broadcast:

**Article 26, Paragraph 1** - The media service provider shall respect the personal dignity (honour, reputation or respect) and the right to authenticity of the person to whom the information broadcast relates.

I propose the initiation of an examination procedure.

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