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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

Subject: *Creation of a prize for investigative journalism*

I. BACKGROUND

The European Parliament is committed to supporting the work and independence of the media. Following the murder of Daphne CARUANA GALIZIA, it decided to name its press room after her.

Furthermore, following a decision by the Bureau at its meeting of 14 January 2019 as part of Parliament's commitment to honouring journalists who were killed during the exercise of their work, Parliament offers a number of Schuman traineeships in memory of Ján KUCIAK, the Slovakian investigative journalist who was murdered in February 2018. At the same meeting, the Bureau also decided to name its radio studio in Strasbourg after Antonio MEGALIZZI and Barto Pedro ORENT-NIEDZIELSKI, two journalists who were killed during the December 2018 terrorist attack in Strasbourg.

In its resolution of 15 November 2017, Parliament stressed that the protection of investigative journalists is in the interest of society and called for the creation of a prize for investigative journalism to be named after Daphne CARUANA GALIZIA. By introducing such a prize, Parliament would promote one of the fundamental values of the European Union: freedom of the press and freedom of expression.

The prize would complement other initiatives taken by the institution to defend the work and independence of the media as well as freedom of expression, notably the SAKHAROV Prize for Freedom of Thought.

II. CONCLUSIONS

The members of the Bureau are invited to:

- endorse the proposal to create a prize for investigative journalism;
- request the Bureau Working Group on Information and Communication Policy to define the rules of the prize for subsequent approval by the Bureau.



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