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MEDIATION BRIEFING

The Ombudsman's intervention to the Greek National Council for Radio and Television (NCRTV) due to a breach by the MMC of the children's right to privacy

The Ombudsman was informed through the Media of the extended publicity of the news concerning sexual abuse of a minor by a person of the family environment. The Independent Authority sent a letter to the Greek National Council for Radio and Television (NCRTV), stressing the need to protect the image of the child from the media and complaining about the violation of the minor's right to privacy stemming from the International Convention on Children's rights.

In addition, the Ombudsman noted the traumatic nature of publication of sensitive personal data, as the child is fully aware of the influence of this publicity has on her personal life as well as her family and educational environment where her identity is known. The NCRTV responded on the same day, forwarding the Ombudsman's letter to all broadcasting stations and the latter have react by stopping the spreading of the news. The above case once again raises concerns about the risk of secondary victimisation of children, due to such practices proven to have painful and damaging effects on their psycho-social development.

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