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Cyprus	2020	Cyprus / Media Complaints Commission, "Complaint against Sigma TV 'Noon Plus' on 22 January 2020" (Παράπονο εναντίον του Sigma TV «Μεσημέρι κ κάτι» στις 22 Ιανουαρίου 2020), Complaint No. 07/27/01/20, 17 May 2020.		Racial or ethnic origin, Racial or ethnic origin, Religion	Cyprus Media Complaints Commission	The complaint argued that during a televised interview with the Interior Minister, the interviewing journalist expressed the position that the numbers of migrants are such that Cyprus cannot bear them, which is not grounded on facts and is disputed by experts. In addition to being inaccurate, the statement carried the risk of spreading racism and xenophobia. The complaint added that the journalist failed to react when the Interior Minister said on air that migrants and refugees come to Cyprus not through their own will but they are sent by Turkey, giving the impression that this is a fact. In response to the complaint, the newspaper argued that the journalist's remarks were deemed by the Interior Minister to be correct, that the Interior Minister is the competent officer in charge of all services relating to migration and it is absurd to allege that the Minister's statements are based on personal convictions, since policy development is based on evidence.	The Media Complaints Commission obliged the newspaper to publish this decision and the newspaper complied. This is the only measure foreseen in the mandate of the Media Complaints Commission.	The Commission found that the journalist expressed a view which was purposely fully in line with the position of the Interior Minister which, however this contained elements of prejudice against foreigners. The decision concluded that the journalist had infringed the non-discrimination provision of the Journalistic Code.	A statement which is in line with the statement of a government officer may still contain elements of prejudice in violation of the non-discrimination principle. Although freedom of the press is unnegotiable, the contents of statements made by journalists are still subject to review by the Media Complaints Commission.	"Η Επιτροπή αποφάσισε ότι η εισαγωγή της δημοσιογράφου ... αποτέλεσε μια εσκεμμένη κατευθυνόμενη τοποθέτηση επί του θέματος πλήρως ευθυγραμμισμένη με τις απόψεις του Υπουργού Εσωτερικών, η οποία ωστόσο εμπεριέχει στοιχεία προκατάληψης σε βάρος των αλλοδαπών." "The Commission decided that the introductory remarks made by the journalist... constitute a deliberate directed stance on the issue, fully in line with the views of the Minister of the Interior, which, however, contains elements of prejudice against foreigners."

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