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DAPHNE CARUANA GALIZIA DECEASED

The family of Daphne Caruana Galizia, deceased has today issued a further call on the Prime Minister of Malta to establish a Public Inquiry into her assassination in a final attempt to avoid litigating that request. The family is supported by a legal Opinion prepared by the family's international team of lawyers dated 30 November (**attached**), which concludes that Malta is required to establish a Public Inquiry without further delay pursuant to its obligations under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which protects the right to life.

Paul Caruana Galizia's one of Daphne's three sons said as follows:

"My family has already been forced to go to the highest court in Malta in order to remove from the criminal investigation into my mother's assassination a senior police officer who was the subject of her journalistic inquiry. A grieving family of an assassinated investigative journalist should not have to return to court to compel Malta to comply with its legal obligation to establish a Public Inquiry; however, if that proves necessary we shall do so without delay."

The family's solicitor Tony Murphy of Bhatt Murphy said as follows:

"A further and final request for a Public Inquiry has been communicated to the Maltese authorities today. If this does not result in steps being taken to establish a Public Inquiry, the family will have no option but to issue proceedings in Malta without delay and if necessary thereafter in the European Court of Human Rights."

The family is represented by an international legal team comprising [Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC](#), [Jonathan Price](#) and [Jennifer Robinson](#) of Doughty Street Chambers and [Tony Murphy](#) of Bhatt Murphy Solicitors.

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