

# [MK] Recommendation for the Manner of Covering Tensions, State of War and other Forms of Armed Conflicts

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The Broadcasting Council of the Republic of Macedonia, aiming to assist the electronic media in the implementation of Articles 8 and 31 of the Law on Pursuit of Broadcasting Activity, on its session held on 23 May 2001, has adopted a "Recommendation for the manner of covering tensions, state of war and other forms of armed conflicts". This Recommendation is given with regard to the complex political and security situation and the created tensions in the social relations of the Republic of Macedonia and it is coming from the principles of freedom of expression as under Article 10 of the European Convention for Human Rights, Article 16 of the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia and provisions of the Law on Pursuit of Broadcasting Activity. The Broadcasting Council while bringing this Recommendation had full respect for the editorial independence and responsibility of the electronic media. The intention of the Council was to prevent the use of all forms of reporting that spread, initiate, incite and justify national and other forms of hatred, intolerance and hostility and create insecurity with the citizens, as well as to prevent the use of programs that call for violent destruction of the constitutional order or incite and call for military aggression.

