On 7 December 2019, the Independent Union of Police Commissioners (Syndicat Indépendant des Commissaires de Police - SICP) posted a message on the social network Twitter naming five French journalists (David Dufresne, Taha Bouhafs, Gaspard Glanz, "The General" and Alexis Poulin) as "the main actors" in the "fight against National Police" in France. The listed journalists are labelled with insulting terms ("impostor", "liar", "harasser", "usurper", "hateful"). SICP accuses these journalists of "fuelling this hatred" and "enjoying this climate", after the door of an anti-crime brigade (BAC) officer's home was covered with slogans hostile to the police. Several representatives of the profession, including the European Federation of Journalists, denounced the intimidating and defamatory nature of the police union’s message, which was widely shared on Twitter.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Reply from journalist Alexis Poulin, on his Twitter account
- Tweet posted on the account of the Independent Union of Police Commissioners (SICP)

**STATE REPLIES**

- 14 Feb 2020 | NEW Reply from the French authorities
  - Letter from the Permanent Representation of France to the Council of Europe