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**To the Members of the PETI Committee**

*Dirección de Informativos de TVE* would like to inform that finally we will not attend the meeting of the Committee on Petitions. We believe that we have not been allowed to debate on equal terms with those who accuse us of the most serious thing that a journalist can be accused, that is to manipulate.

Consequently, we are at your disposal to attend this Committee on the same conditions as the accusing party, with the same speaking time and the same rights of reply.

We understand that the accusation is very serious and affects the credibility of the Spanish public television. That's why we would like to ask that, before submitting the petition to vote, the documentation provided by both stakeholders should be examined, not just one of them. Even more, PETI Committee has not requested us any information or documents to verify the truthfulness or not of the petition complaint. We could even conclude that the decision about the petition could had been taken beforehand.

The petitioners are trying to question more than 25,000 hours of objective information, so we are sending to the Committee about 1,000 documents that support our management and editorial independence and refute the accusations.

Among the documents we are providing, there are favourable reports about our management of independent official bodies such as the Spanish National Commission of the Competition Market or the Spanish Central Electoral Board.

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We also attach the list of awards we have received. Among those, there are some coming from the Spanish Television Academy and also the Federation of Radios and Televisions of Spain, in which the professionals of all the Spanish audio-visual media are represented. For example, the award granted as the best TV news in 2017 to the "Primera edición del Telediario de TVE".

Moreover, we also attach the audiences' data of the news, that shows that we have been the most viewed in the last 18 months.

In our opinion, the accusations are part of a discredit campaign for political purposes, just at the same time of the change and renewal of the Presidency and the Board of Directors of RTVE.

The professionals of TVE would like to ask you not to use this matter as a weapon of political dispute. We defend a public television for all, based on freedom, plurality, independence and the defence of constitutional values.

Best regards

