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## **FCC STATEMENT ON FRRO NOTICE TO FRENCH JOURNALIST**

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia, New Delhi, is aware of the notice issued by the Foreigners' Regional Registration Office (FRRO) to French journalist Ms Vanessa Dougnac.

She is an OCI (Overseas Citizenship of India) Card holder and has been living in India with her Indian husband for over two decades.

The FRRO says she has been “undertaking journalistic activities without any special permission as required under the Citizenship Act 1955 and rules/regulations issued thereunder.”

Ms Dougnac has denied “all the allegations and imputations” made against her and her conduct.

She has been advised to respond to the FRRO notice by February 2, 2024.

The FCC is a staunch supporter of freedom of the press, and defends journalists' right to function in India without any let or hindrance, but without breaking the laws.

India is the world's largest democracy with over a hundred thousand publications and nearly a thousand TV channels.

It goes without saying that all Indian and foreign journalists operating in India have to abide by the laws of the land.

We are confident that Ms Dougnac will defend herself by presenting all the facts before the concerned authorities to their satisfaction, emerge victorious and continue to live in India, which she loves.

S Venkat Narayan  
President

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