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Committee: Ad Hoc Social, Cultural, & Humanitarian or Political and Security

Topic: “The Protection of Journalists”

Draws attention to the fact that in 2019 alone 49 journalists were killed, with 57 held hostage, and 389 imprisoned,

Notes that informing is not a crime (as said by the UN chief in 2019) and these journalist’s had their rights violated,

Declares that in this digital age, transparency is more important than ever, and media and journalism provides a means for the masses to see this, especially regarding the several and simultaneous human rights crises happening currently,

Impresses the importance of freedom of press, where the international community should hear about humanitarian, political, economic, and other issues,

Declares that journalists should be protected by all means,

1. Authorizes the foundation of a council that UN members could participate in, for the purposes of protecting the lives and safety of Journalists, to be called Resources and Educational Programs for the Observation of Reporter’s Toleration known as REPORT, for short;
 - a. This committee would set guidelines for each country to follow that would better help with the protection of journalists
 - i. Participation would not be mandatory, but smiled upon, as this would show countries’ willingness to cooperate in the preservation of journalism,
 - ii. This would also help promote international transparency,
 - b. This committee would help prevent the deaths, kidnappings, and imprisonment of journalists from going unpunished, as this punishment/action that would be taken against a nation or organization for limiting the rights of a journalist would be decided by the other member nations, and handled by a case by case basis;
 - c. REPORT would be a neutral, UN body, and would not be headed by a specific country
 - d. REPORT would also work with journalists to develop programs for education on safety, not only to produce procedures for journalists to follow, but for countries to follow as well
 - e. The main goal is to allow journalists to spread their word and experiences with the world, without fear of being killed or imprisoned