**Forum:** Special Conference One

**Question of:** Ensuring the Impunity, Safety, and Freedom of Journalism

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*THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE,*

*Fully aware* that a business model to sustain journalism in the 21st century has not been set up yet,

*Keeping in mind* that journalism gets more brutal every day as we can see in for example Syria, Ukraine and many more,

*Realizing* that many countries have used journalism for propaganda and that not everything journalists say is reliable,

*Taking into account* that the press creates the image of the world for the common man,

*Alarmed by* the raising number of fatalities amongst journalists that don’t take the necessary precautions in dangerous areas,

1. Urges the United Nations (UN) to make sure that:
   1. Journalists don’t visit places which are declared unsafe by the UN for their own safety
   2. Journalists don’t visit places which are declared forbidden by governments, such as investigation zones;
2. Requests the press to make sure the information which they use is valid and to make sure that if falsities are detected there will be sanctions such as:
   1. penalties for the journalist himself
   2. penalties for the employer of the journalist;
3. Calls upon the UN to create a UN Body called the Organization on the International Press (OOTIP) which will:
   1. Help the selected governments by placing an establishment of the OOTIP in that country and funding that organization
   2. Detect if journalism is used for propaganda by governments
   3. Check if IRO (clause 6) does not withhold anything from the press;
4. Approves that governments can decide whether they let a journalist enter their country or not so there are no individual researches by journalists;
5. Requests all countries to release all journalists imprisoned but only if they didn’t break an international law or committed a crime;
6. Encourages the UN to create another UN body called the International Research Organization (IRO) that will do research around the world about everything, this organization will be allowed (with UN permission) to go to every place in the world and the IRO must always share this information with the press so they can publish it;
7. Suggests that every country appoints a Minister of Press who will be responsible for the wellbeing of journalists and for the information that reaches the common man;
8. Asks countries to educate journalists, media owners and editors on the possible perils that can be faced when practicing their job;
9. Assists all member states to fully implement existing international rules and principles by improving national legislation;
10. Decides to remain actively focused on this matter.