



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The safety of journalists and the issue of impunity

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Acknowledging* the primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for the preservation of
2 international peace and security,

3 *Noting with appreciation* the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, particularly sustainable development
4 goal 16.10 peace, justice and strong institutions in regard to public access to information,

5 *Guided by* the principles set forth in Article 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically
6 regarding its non-discrimination clauses,

7 *Recalling with appreciation* resolutions 21/12 of 9 October 2012, 68/163 of 21 February 2014 and 45/18 of 6
8 October 2020, concerning the safety of journalists and the effects of the spread of information,

9 *Recognizing* the need for protection of journalists who identify as women in order to further social justice
10 and peace,

11 *Reaffirming* the principles of Member States' sovereignty, especially in regard to Member State institutions
12 dealing with the unlawful spread of misinformation and propaganda to protect national security,

13 *Reminding* Member States that the laws enacted to protect nations from media breaches of national security
14 must be abided by both citizens and non-citizens of the specific Member State in which any transgression may take
15 place,

16 *Taking into account* the international presence of journalistic bodies, it is necessary to facilitate sweeping
17 transnational cooperation to ensure the global protection of journalists,

18 *Encouraging* all Member States to support the truth and accuracy of the media and to maintain a proactive
19 relationship with media outlets within their purview,

20 *Alarmed* by misinformation, disinformation and malinformation - the spread of false statements with mali-
21 cious intent as defined by the United Nations - which can be propagated by malicious actors to spread discord and
22 social unrest,

23 1. *Supports* the continued strengthening of existing institutional frameworks within Member States that
24 address cases of disinformation within their borders;

25 2. *Encourages* Member States to allocate resources towards bodies that work to promote the verifiable
26 accuracy of media sources;

27 3. *Advocates* for Member States to protect the journalistic profession from those who seek to spread harmful
28 and dangerous misinformation;

29 4. *Strongly encourages* Member States to facilitate training on best practices for journalists, aided by the
30 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) should a Member State request their
31 assistance, in an effort to:

32 (a) Encourage journalists to act within the boundaries of applicable Member State laws;

33 (b) Train journalists on how to most safely operate within areas of potential conflict or areas of
34 greater risk to personal safety;

35 (c) Encouraging an emphasis on implementing educational tactics on how to keep female journalists,
36 in particular, safe for the duration of their reporting;

37 (d) Have journalists collaborate with relevant international and national media agencies to ensure
38 only reliable and accurate information is disseminated to the people;

39 (e) Reduce the proliferation of misinformation, disinformation and malinformation through discour-
40 aging unverified reporting;

41 5. *Implores* Member States to take tangible measures to encourage the safety of their journalists, and to
42 swiftly address the issues of impunity regarding their journalistic institutions.

Passed, Yes: 68 / No: 6 / Abstain: 9