*Committee of Experts on protection of journalism and safety of journalists (MSI-JO)* 



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1st meeting, 3-4 March 2014 (Strasbourg, Agora, Room G05)

## **Annotated Agenda**

- 1. Opening of the meeting by Ms Onur Andreotti, Administrator, Media Division, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.
- 2. Election of the Chair (Ms Françoise TULKENS) and vice-Chair (Mr Trond IDAAS) and appointment of a gender rapporteur (Ms Małgorzata Pek).
  - <u>Terms of Reference</u>
  - Resolution CM/Res(2011) 24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods
- 3. Adoption of the agenda
- 4. Information from the Secretariat
  - Committee of Ministers Thematic debate 2012: "Safety of journalists"
    - <u>SG/Inf(2012)6</u>: Discussion paper presented by the Secretary General
  - Committee of Ministers Thematic debate 2013: "Safety of journalists Further steps for the better implementation of human rights standards"
    - <u>SG/Inf(2013)42</u>: Discussion paper presented by the Secretary General
    - <u>SG/Inf(2014)2</u>: Proposals for Follow-up
- 5. Working methods and timelines
- 6. Structure of texts to be produced
  - <u>CDMSI(2013)007rev5</u>: Draft declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors
  - <u>CDMSI(2012)011rev2</u>: Secretariat document on the protection of journalists/journalism, endorsed by the CDMSI
- 7. Cooperation with other organisations (EU, UN, OSCE)
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Dates of next meetings

## **Reference documents**

- <u>Link</u> to the official text of the European Convention on Human Rights in different languages
- <u>MCM(2013)009</u>: How to address current threats to journalism? The role of the Council of Europe in protecting journalists and other media actors, by Tarlach McGonagle
- <u>MCM(2013)012</u>: The principles which can be drawn from the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights relating to the protection and safety of journalists and journalism, report by Philip Leach
- <u>MCM(2013)011</u>: The activities of organisations in Europe working for the protection and safety of journalists and to combat impunity by William Horsley
- <u>Research report</u> by ECHR on Positive obligations on member States under Article 10 to protect journalists and prevent impunity
- <u>Resolution n° 3</u> Ministerial Conference
- <u>CDMSI(2012)Misc11Rev2</u>: Study on Defamation
- <u>Declaration</u> by the Committee of Ministers on the protection and promotion of investigative journalism, adopted 26 September 2007
- <u>Recommendation No. R(2007)7</u> of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the right to journalists not to disclose their sources of information
- <u>Recommendation 1950(2011)</u> on Protection of journalists' sources
- <u>Recommendation CM/Rec (2011)7</u> of the Committee of Ministers to member states on a new notion of media
- <u>Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)1</u> of the Committee of Ministers to member States on gender equality and media
- <u>Resolution 1636(2008)</u> on Indicators for media in a democracy
- <u>Resolution 1535(2007)</u> on Threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists
- <u>Resolution 1438(2005)</u> on Freedom of the press and the working conditions of journalists in conflict zones
- <u>Recommendation 1706(2005)</u> on Media and terrorism
- <u>Recommendation No R(96)4</u> on the protection of journalists in situations of conflict and tension
- European Court of Human Rights: <u>Factsheet New technologies</u>
- <u>Declaration</u> on the protection of journalists in situations of conflict and tension
- "Speaking of terror": A survey of the effects of counter-terrorism legislation on freedom of the media in Europe by David Banisar (Contains, in the appendix, Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on protection freedom of expression and information in times of crisis, adopted on 26 September 2007 and Declaration on freedom of expression and information in the media in the context of the fight against terrorism)

## Selection of documents from other organisations

- <u>UN plan of action</u> on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity
- <u>Resolution</u> on the Safety of Journalists United Nations Human Rights Council, 21st session
- OSCE Safety of Journalists guidebook
- <u>International News Safety Institute</u>: Journalism Safety: Threats to media workers and measures to protect them
- <u>Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity</u>: revised draft resolution, United Nations General Assembly, 68th session
- <u>The safety of journalists</u> : report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations General Assembly, Human Rights Council, 24th session
- <u>UNESCO Concept note</u>: Research Project on the Safety of Journalists as a potential Indicator of Good Governance, Democracy and Development
- <u>Remarks by William Horsley</u>: Thematic debate Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, 12 December 2013
- <u>Presentation by Dr Ian Brown</u>: Surveillance, freedom of expression and international law
- <u>Report</u> of the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism: A free and pluralistic media to sustain European democracy, January 2013
- <u>Conclusions</u>: Council of the European Union "Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting, 25-26 November 2013
- T.McGonagle & F.J. Cabrera Blázques (eds.), with the collaboration of D. Voorhoof), Freedom of Expression, the Media and Journalists: Case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, <u>IRIS Themes – Vol III</u>, Strasbourg: European Audiovisual Observatory, 2013
- T.McGonagle & S. Nikoltchev (eds.), Freedom of Expression and the Media: Standardsetting by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers, <u>IRIS Themes - Vol I</u>, Strasbourg: European Audiovisual Observatory, 2011