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Seminar and Inter-regional Dialogue on the protection of journalists

*Towards an effective framework of protection for the work of journalists
and an end to impunity*

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European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg (PRESS ROOM)

Monday 3 November, 2014

8.30 - 18.00

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AGENDA

8.30-9.00	REGISTRATION
9.00	OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guido Raimondi, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights• Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe• Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe• Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe• Guy Berger, Director, Division Freedom of Expression and Media Development, UNESCO
9.30 – 11.00	PANEL I. International and regional frameworks of protection: examining the evidence <i>Moderator: William Horsley, International Director, Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The framework of legal protection for journalists at universal level <i>Jane Connors, Director, Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR</i>• Legal protections and protection mechanisms at regional level among the Organisation of American States <i>Ona Flores, Senior Attorney, Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States (OAS)</i>• The protection of journalists in international criminal law <i>James Stewart, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)</i>• Panel discussion and interventions
11.00 – 11.20	Break
11.20 – 12.30	PANEL II. Protections for the rights of journalists exercising their public interest function: shortcomings, gaps and advances. Perspectives of human rights lawyers, media and civil society <i>Moderator: Grégory Thuan dit Dieudonné, Attorney-at-law, European Lawyers Union</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management and prevention of risks: sending or not sending journalists on the ground? <i>Loïck Berrou, Responsible for France 24 reporting teams, France 24 TV</i>• Impunity in crimes against journalists: a lawyers perspective <i>Karina Moskalenko, Director, International Protection Centre (IPC)</i>• National protection programs: the Colombian model <i>Maria Teresa Ronderos Torres, Head of Open Society Foundations Program on Independent Journalism</i>• Treaty law as a 'living instrument': levelling up and enforcing the protections <i>Barbora Bukovska, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19</i>• Panel discussion and interventions
12:30 – 14.30	LUNCH at the Council of Europe (by invitation - details about lunch will be sent individually to participants)

14.30 - 15.50 **PANEL III. Judicial and national cooperation to improve standards of protection, prevention and prosecution in cases relating to journalists and freedom of expression**

Moderator: Peter Noorlander, Chief Executive Officer, Media Legal Defence Initiative

- National jurisdictions and issues related to adherence to international norms: a global overview
Michael O'Flaherty, Professor of Human Rights Law, National University of Ireland Galway, former Vice-Chairperson of the UN Human Rights Committee
- Case studies and lessons drawn from the African experience
Maureen Kondowe, Vice-President of the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)
- Documenting violations: citizen video as evidence
Wendy Betts, Director of the eyeWitness project, International Bar Association London
- Panel discussion and interventions

15.50 - 16.10 **Break**

16.10 - 17.15 **PANEL IV. Agendas for an inter-regional dialogue to strengthen protections and eradicate impunity**

Moderator: Dirk Voorhoof, Professor at University of Ghent

- Strategic litigation and interim measures in cases related to the protection of journalists in the Americas: prevention, protection and prosecution
Catalina Botero, Former Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Organization of American States (OAS)
- International perspectives on interim measures and positive obligations in the case law of Regional Human Rights Courts: the case of the European Court of Human Rights
Lawrence Early, Jurisconsult, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
- The case for a regional protection framework in Asia
Harry Roque, Associate Professor of Law, University of the Philippines, Manila
- Panel discussion and interventions

17.15 - 17.45 **Inter-regional dialogue: necessities, goals and expectations**

Moderator: David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression

- Manuel E. Ventura Robles, Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- Lawrence Early, Jurisconsult, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

17.45-17.55 **Rapporteurs' conclusions**

Dr. Tarlach McGonagle, Senior Researcher, Institute for Information Law (IViR), Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam

17.55-18.00 **Closing remarks:**

Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

18.00 **End of Seminar**

19.00 - 21.00 **Drinks and cocktail buffet offered in the premises of the European Parliamentary Association (Villa Schutzenberger, 76 Allée de la Robertsau)**

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