

Country:Finland

Committee:SOCHUM

Agenda Item: Accomplishing Freedom of Press and Protection of Journalists Within Conflict Zones.

Accomplishing freedom of press and protection of journalists within conflict zones is one of the most pressing issue in all over the world. Finland believes,protecting the human rights and press freedom of journalists, especially those working in conflict zones is crucial while providing objective and accurate informations because violence, killing journalists in conflict zones and unjust imprisonment are not only causing crimes against humanity, they are also causing changes in world history without evidence.

Finland works nationally and internationally to protect the safety of journalists. Finland nationally provides psychological support,health insurence and emergency aid mechanisms.Additionally some media organizations and civil society groups provide national supporting funds for journalists to use in dangerous crisis situations. Finland also supports, initiatives such as strengthening legal frameworks to protect journalists internationally and the creation of international funds. Finland participates in international monitoring networks to identify and protect violence against journalists.

Finland calls for action and fully supports, creating an international fund within United Nations for providing urgent material and technical assistance in conflict zones and in crisis situations for journalists. Violence against journalists should be punished within the international legal frameworks. Strengthening monitoring and reporting systems for ensuring that such violations won’t left unpunished. Expanding security training programs including counselling services and workshops prepared for media workers who will be operating in conflict zones. Cooperating with non-governmental organizations for establishing early warning systems to detect threats against journalists is also crucial.Finland is open to constructive dialogue and multilateral cooperation with the all countries to enhance the feasibility of these proposals.

Resources:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/freedom-expression/freedom-of-expression-in-times-of-conflict>

<https://civiliansinconflict.org/blog/how-free-press-contributes-to-protecting-civilians-in-conflict/>

<https://rsf.org/en/country/finland>

<https://mediafreedomcoalition.org/statements/2023/journalists-in-conflict/>

<https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/2021/06/civic-space-scan-of-finland_223612f8/f9e971bd-en.pdf>

<https://cpj.org/journalist-safety-and-emergencies/>

<https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/7/7/469758.pdf>

<https://rm.coe.int/finland-en-reply-court-convicts-journalist-johanna-vehkoo-on-defamatio/168094e2d5>

<https://cpj.org/>