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Agenda Item: Accomplishing Freedom of Press and Protection of
Journalists Within Conflict Zones Position: The Delegate of Denmark
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Denmark defends the importance of human rights and their protections at all costs, and this includes defending the rights of journalists, especially during times of conflict. Denmark, which has been known for its commitment to press freedom for many years, maintains journalists working in conflict zones are not just essential but also civilians with rights. Increasing violence against media personnel threatens not only individual security but also our human rights.

DENMARK'S PERSPECTIVE

Denmark has a longstanding commitment to the protection of freedom of the press. Denmark has continued the developed this right in various ways, with the adoption of its first constitution in 1849, which protected freedom of expression and the press. In the 20th century, Denmark became a member of the European Union and in 1948 ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which guaranteed freedom of expression and furthered its support for media freedom. This decision was followed by further steps in 1987 when Denmark established the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), an institution that works to project and further promote human rights including the protection of journalists rights. And in recent years it has taken international legal steps to strengthen this decision, such as the Geneva Conventions and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), reflecting its support for the protection of journalists during conflicts.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLUTIONS

- *Establishing an international body overseen by the UN to investigate crimes against journalists*
- *Establishing safe zones for entering exiting conflict zones and granting international visas to journalists*
- *International support can be provided to NGOs that provide urgent legal and security support to journalists at risk in conflict*

CONCLUSION

Denmark calls on all member states to recognise that press freedom is not a privilege but a necessity for a better news network. By working together we can empower journalists to find the truth and ensure that they can inform without fear.

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