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**THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS
AND
THE DANGER OF IMPUNITY**

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SUMMARY

This document provides background information on journalist deaths condemned by UNESCO's Director-General in the last biennium (2006 – 2007). In total, the Director-General condemned the killings of 121 journalists – 68 in 2006 and 53 in 2007. This report is submitted as a follow-up to the thematic debate organized during the 25th session of the Intergovernmental Council of IPDC. It recommends that the IPDC take a central role in monitoring the follow-up of killings condemned by the Director-General in order to deter impunity and to encourage the Member States to take preventive action.

1 The safety of journalists was the subject of a thematic debate conducted during the 25th session of the Intergovernmental Council of IPDC held at UNESCO Headquarters from 21 to 23 March 2006. In his keynote speech, Mr. Rodney Pinder of the International News Safety Institute (INSI) argued that impunity is a major problem related to the killing of journalists. According to him, 90% of those responsible for murders of media professionals have neither been charged nor sentenced.

2. “Safety of journalists” was also the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2007 which UNESCO celebrated in Medellin, Colombia, in May 2007. The previous year, 2006, had been the bloodiest year in terms of journalist killings with the highest number of journalist deaths recorded since the Director-General began condemning these assassinations in 1997 in line with Resolution 29 adopted by UNESCO’s General Conference at its 29th session. The Medellin Declaration, adopted on World Press Freedom Day 2007, calls upon Member States “to fulfill the duty incumbent upon them to prevent crimes against journalists, media professionals and associated personnel, to investigate them, to sanction them, to provide witness protection for those testifying against them and to repair the consequences so that such crimes do not go unpunished”. This declaration commemorated the 10th anniversary of the above-mentioned Resolution 29 condemning violence against journalists.

3. During the 34th General Conference session held in November 2007, a number of Member States highlighted the need to promote the safety of journalists and to prevent impunity. During the debates in the Communication and Information Commission, it was suggested that IPDC should function as a catalyst to strengthen the capacity of Member States to address this issue.

4. The analysis of the 121 killings of journalists condemned by UNESCO’s Director-General in 2006 and 2007 places Iraq first on the list of countries that registered the most killings – a total of 64 – undoubtedly due to its armed conflict. Nevertheless, some relatively stable countries also registered journalist killings which were condemned by the Director-General. Aside from Iraq, the countries most concerned by this problem are Somalia, the Philippines, and Afghanistan.

**a) THE KILLINGS OF JOURNALISTS CONDEMNED BY THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO BY COUNTRY**

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 2006	NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 2007	TOTAL NUMBER
IRAQ	29	33	62
SOMALIA	1	7	8
PHILIPPINES	6	0	6
AFGHANISTAN	3	2	5
MEXICO	3	1	4
SRI LANKA	4	0	4
RUSSIA	3	0	3
BRAZIL	1	1	2
COLOMBIA	2	0	2
DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO	1	1	2
ECUADOR	2	0	2
INDIA	2	0	2
LEBANON	2	0	2
PAKISTAN	2	0	2
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY	0	2	2
BANGLADESH	1	0	1
EL SALVADOR	0	1	1
GUATEMALA	0	1	1
GUYANA	1	0	1
HAITI	0	1	1
INDONESIA	1	0	1
KYRGYZSTAN	0	1	1
MYANMAR	0	1	1
NIGERIA	1	0	1
SUDAN	1	0	1
TURKMENISTAN	1	0	1
TURKEY	0	1	1
VENEZUELA	1	0	1

b) VICTIMS BY MEDIA TYPE

Among the 121 victims whose killings were condemned by UNESCO's Director-General, the majority belonged to the written press. The following table presents the number and percentage of victims by media type.

TYPE OF MEDIA SECTOR	NUMBER OF DEATHS	PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL
Written Press	52	42,9 %
Television	37	30,5 %
Radio	20	16,5 %
Photojournalism	12	9,9 %

c) VICTIMS BY TYPE OF VIOLENT ACTIONS

Most of the 121 killings condemned were cases of murder.¹ A relatively new phenomenon - the kidnapping of journalists, often resulting in their execution - was also observed. In fact, it has become the second cause of death among journalists killed in the last two years.

TYPE OF DEATH	NUMBER OF DEATHS	PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL
Shot or murdered	78	64,5 %
Kidnapped and killed	21	17,3 %
Killed in conflict situation	21	17,3%
In prison	1	0,8 %

d) VICTIMS BY AGE

Almost 80% of the killings condemned in 2006 and 2007 concerned professionals of over 30 years of age. The age category reflects the fact that most assassinated journalists are experienced and seasoned professionals.

AGE	PERCENTAGE
Between 20 and 30 years old:	22%
Between 30 and 40 years old:	40%
Between 40 and 50 years old:	19%
50 and over 50:	19%

¹According to the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), about 580 journalists worldwide were killed in the line of duty between January 1992 and August 2006. 71.4 percent of those killed were murdered, 18.4 percent died in crossfire or in circumstances related to combat and 10 percent in other dangerous assignments.

CONCLUSIONS:

- a) The protection of journalists, media personnel and accredited associated personnel is a concern of utmost importance in situations of armed conflict and elsewhere. There is increasing evidence of acts of violence against media professionals in many parts of the world, in particular deliberate attacks by those who do not wish journalists to investigate and reveal information of public interest. There have been reports of different forms of violence, including, *inter alia*, murder, intimidation, armed robbery, abduction, hostage-taking, kidnapping, harassment, illegal arrest and detention. There have also been reports of attacks on media organizations and acts of destruction and looting of their property.
- b) The safety of journalists is essential to protect the right of all citizens to reliable information and the right of journalists to provide it without fearing for their security.
- c) It is therefore essential for States to ensure that crimes against journalists, media staff and associated personnel do not remain unpunished. Where such crimes multiply and become part of a pattern of systematic violence or of deliberate intimidation, the IPDC may wish to draw the attention of UNESCO's General Conference to such cases.
- d) There is an obligation of all parties involved in an armed conflict to comply fully with the rules and principles of international law applicable to them related to the protection of journalists, media personnel and associated personnel, in particular international humanitarian law and human rights law.
- e) All responsible authorities should respect the professional independence and rights of journalists, media staff and associated personnel, to properly investigate all violations of their rights, and to promote their safety, security and freedom of movement.
- f) Monitoring follow-up action taken by authorities, particularly with regard to the killing of journalists condemned by the Director-General of UNESCO, may deter impunity and encourage Member States to improve the safety of journalists.
- g) Therefore, the IPDC Council may wish to consider adopting the annexed draft decision.

DRAFT DECISION

In light of the foregoing, the Intergovernmental Council of IPDC may wish to consider the following draft decision:

The Intergovernmental Council of IPDC,

Having discussed the report on the killing of journalists condemned by the Director-General of UNESCO during the 2006-2007 period;

Recalling UNESCO Resolution 29 “Condemnation of Violence Against Journalists” adopted by the UNESCO General Conference at its 29th session on 12 November 1997, which called on Member States to remove any statute of limitations on crimes against persons when such crimes are "perpetrated to prevent the exercise of freedom of information and expression or when their purpose is the obstruction of justice" and which urged governments to "refine legislation to make it possible to prosecute and sentence those who instigate the assassination of persons exercising the right to freedom of expression" ;

Deeply concerned by the increased frequency of acts of violence against journalists, media professionals and associated personnel in many parts of the world, including in countries which are not considered as conflict areas;

Recalling Resolution 1738 adopted by the UN Security Council at its 5613th

Meeting on 23 December 2006 in which the Security Council:

- *condemned* intentional attacks against journalists, media professionals and associated personnel, as such, in situations of armed conflict, and called upon all parties to put an end to such practices;
- *drew attention* to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, in particular the Third Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 on the treatment of prisoners of war, and the Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977, in particular article 79 of the Additional Protocol I regarding the protection of journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed conflict;

- *emphasized* the responsibility of States to comply with the relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and to prosecute those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law;

Underlining the importance for journalists, media personnel and media organizations to uphold the principles of neutrality, impartiality and humanity in their professional activities;

Urges all Member States concerned by the Director-General's condemnations of the deliberate killings of journalists during the 2006-2007 period;

- (a) to comply with the relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and to prosecute those responsible for violations, where actions have not been taken;
- (b) to inform the Director-General of UNESCO, on a voluntary basis, of the actions taken to prevent the impunity of the perpetrators and to notify him of the status of the judicial inquiries conducted on each of the killings condemned by UNESCO;

Requests the Director-General to provide the Intergovernmental Council of IPDC at its 27th session with an analytical report on the basis of responses received and updated information on the Director-General's condemnations of the killing of journalists.

**LIST OF JOURNALIST KILLINGS CONDEMNED BY
UNESCO's DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

IRAQ	2007
	<p>1. Shehab Mohammad al-Hiti (Iraq) Editor, al-Youm Killed on 28 October 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>2. Dhi Abdul-Razak al-Dibo (Iraq) Freelance journalist Killed on 15 October 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>3. Salih Saif Aldin (Iraq) Reporter, Washington Post Killed on 14 October 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>4. Jasim Nofaan (Iraq) Reporter, Al Watan Killed on 14 October 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>5. Zeyard Tariq (Iraq) Reporter, Al Watan Killed on 14 October 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>6. Mohamed Nofaan (Iraq) Reporter, Al Watan Killed on 14 October 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>7. Jawad al-Daami (Iraq) Producer, Al-Baghdadia Killed on 23 September 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>8. Khalid Hassan (Iraq) Journalist, New York Times Killed on 13 July 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>9. Namir Nour-Eldine (Iraq) Photographer, Reuters Killed on 12 July 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>10. Louäi Souleimane (Iraq) Journalist, Nineveh Killed on 28 June 2007 in Iraq</p>

	<p>11. Sarmad Hamdi Al-Hassani (Iraq) Journalist, Baghdad TV Killed on 27 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>12. Hamed Abd Farhan (Iraq) Journalist Killed on 26 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>13. Rahim al-Maliki (Iraq) Journalist, Al-Iraqiya Killed on 25 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>14. Filaih Wadi Mijthab (Iraq) Managing editor, al-Sabah Killed on 15 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>15. Alef Ali Falih (Iraq) Correspondent, Aswat al-Iraq (The Voice of Iraq) Killed on 11 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>16. Mohammed Hilal Karji (Iraq) Journalist, Baghdad TV Killed on 8 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>17. Sahar Hussein Ali al-Haydari (Iraq) Correspondent, NINA and Aswat al-Iraq Killed on 7 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>18. Saif Fakhri (Iraq) Cameraman, Associated Press Television News (APTN) Killed on 1 June 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>19. Nizar Al-Radhi (Iraq) Employee of Aswat Al-Iraq news agency (Voices of Iraq) and correspondent of Radio Free Killed on 30 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>20. Abdel-Rahman Al-Issawi (Iraq) Journalism professor at Baghdad university and contributor to several newspapers Killed on 29 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>21. Mahmud Hassib Al-Kassab (Iraq) Editor, Al-Hawadith Killed on 28 May 2007 in Iraq</p>
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	<p>22. Aidan Abdallah Al-Jamiji (Iraq) Head of Kirkuk television's Turkmen-language section Killed on 26 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>23. Ali Khalil (Iraq) Journalist, al-Zaman Killed on 20 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>24. Saif Laith Yousuf (Iraq) Sound engineer, ABC News Killed on 17 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>25. Alaa Uldeen Aziz (Iraq) Cameraman, ABC News Killed on 17 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>26. Ageel Abdul-Qader (Iraq) Journalist, al-Raad Killed on 9 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>27. Imad Abdul-Razzaq al-Obeidi (Iraq) Journalist, al-Raad Killed on 9 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>28. Raad Mutashar (Iraq) Owner, Al-Raad media company Killed on 9 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>29. Dmitry Chebotayev (Russian Federation) Photographer, Newsweek (Russian Federation) Killed on 6 May 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>30. Hamid al-Duleimi (Iraq) Producer of TV channel al-Nahrain Killed on 19 March 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>31. Hussein al Jaburi (Iraq) Editor of the daily newspaper al-Safir Killed on 16 March 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>32. Mohan al-Zaher (Iraq) Managing editor of the independent daily newspaper al-Mashreq Killed on 4 March 2007 in Iraq</p> <p>33. Jamal al-Zubaidi (Iraq) Managing editor of Baghdad newspaper al-Safir Killed on 3 March 2007 in Iraq</p>
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IRAQ	2006
	<p>34. Fadhila Abdelkarim (Iraq) Administrative staff worker of TV station Nainawa Killed on 26 November 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>35. Raad Jaafar Hamadi (Iraq) Journalist with the daily Al Sabah Killed on 22 November 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>36. Luma Mohammad Reyad (Iraq) Reporter for the Al Dustoor newspaper Killed on 17 November 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>37. Fadia Mohammed Abid (Iraq) Journalist for local daily newspaper Al-Masar Killed on 15 November 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>38. Muhammad al-Ban (Iraq) Reporter and cameraman for Al-Sharqiya TV Killed on 13 November 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>39. Aswan Lutfallah (Iraq) Cameraman for the Associated Press (AP) news agency Killed on 13 November 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>40. Saed Mahdi Shalash (Iraq) Journalist for Rayat Al Arab newspaper Killed on 26 October 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>41. Raed Qaies (Iraq) Journalist for radio stations Sawt Al Iraq and Somer Radio Killed on 14 October 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>42. Jassem Hamad Ibrahim (Iraq) Driver for Al-Iraqiya television Killed on 4 October 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>43. Azad Muhammad Hussein (Iraq) Reporter for Radio Dar Al-Salam Killed on 3 October 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>44. Safa Isma'il Enad (Iraq) Freelance photographer Killed on 12 September 2006 in Iraq</p>

	<p>45. Hadi Anawi al-Joubouri (Iraq) Journalist and representative of the Iraqi Journalists Syndicate in the eastern province of Diyala Killed on 12 September 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>46. Abdel Karim al-Rubai (Iraq) Editor for the daily newspaper Al-Sabah Killed on 9 September 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>47. Alaa Hassan (Iraq) Journalist for Inter Press Service (IPS) Killed on 7 July 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>48. Ali Jaafar (Iraq) Sports correspondent and anchor with Iraq's state television channel Al-Iraqiya Killed on 31 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>49. Paul Douglas (Iraq) CBS cameraman Killed on 29 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>50. James Brolan (Iraq) Soundman for CBS Killed on 29 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>51. Muazaz Ahmed (Iraq) Technician at Nahrein television Killed on 8 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>52. Laith Mashaan (Iraq) Journalist at Nahrein television Killed on 8 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>53. Abed Shaker al Demaimi (Iraq) A photographer for al Jumhureyya, al Qadeseyya and occasionally for Reuters Killed on 7 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>54. Mohammed Khamaf (Iraq) Worker in printshop of the Al-Sabah newspaper Killed on 7 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>55. Saud M'Zahim Al-Hedaithi (Iraq) Worker at Baghdadiyah TV Killed on 5 May 2006 in Iraq</p>
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	<p>56. Saad Shammari (Iraq) A presenter on Al-Iraqiyah television Killed on 5 May 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>57. Muhsin Khudhair (Iraq) Editor-in-chief of the magazine Alef Ba Killed on 13 March 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>58. Munsuf Abdallah al-Khaldi (Iraq) Presenter on TV Baghdad Killed on 13 March 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>59. Mohsen Mohsen (Iraq) Television crew member of Al Arabiya television Killed on 22 February 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>60. Atwar Bahjat (Iraq) Television crew member of Al Arabiya television Killed on 22 February 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>61. Adnan Khairallah (Iraq) Television crew member of Al Arabiya television Killed on 22 February 2006 in Iraq</p> <p>62. Mahmoud Za'al (Iraq) Journalist for TV Baghdad Killed on 23 January 2006 in Iraq</p>
SOMALIA	2007
	<p>63. Bashir Nor Gedi (Somalia) Chief executive, Shabelle Media network Killed on 19 October 2007 in Somalia</p> <p>64. Abdulkadir Mahad Moallim Kaskey (Somalia) Regional correspondent, Radio Banadir Killed on 24 August 2007 in Somalia</p> <p>65. Mahad Ahmed Elmi (Somalia) Director, Radio Capital Voice Killed on 11 August 2007 in Somalia</p> <p>66. Ali Iman Sharmarke (Somalia) Managing Director, HornAfrik Radio Killed on 11 August 2007 in Somalia</p> <p>67. Ahmed Hassan Mahad (Somalia) Reporter, Radio Jowhar Killed on 16 May 2007 in Somalia</p>

	<p>68. Abshir Ali Gabre (Somalia) News editor, Radio Jowhar Killed on 16 May 2007 in Somalia</p> <p>69. Mohammed Abdullahi Khalif (Somalia) Journalist, Voice radio station Killed on 5 May 2007 in Somalia</p>
SOMALIA	2006
	<p>70. Martin Adler (Sweden) Television reporter and photographer. Journalist for British television broadcaster Channel 4 and for the Swedish daily Aftonbladet. Killed on 23 June 2006 in Somalia</p>
PHILIPPINES	2006
	<p>71. Ponciano Grande (Philippines) Broadcaster and former columnist from Nueva Ecija Killed on 7 December 2006 in the Philippines</p> <p>72. Armando Pace (Philippines) Radio broadcaster who hosted programmes on Radyo Ukay dxDS in Digos Killed on 18 July 2006 in the Philippines</p> <p>73. Fernando “Dong” Batul (Philippines) Radio journalist in the Palawan-based radio DYPR Killed on 22 May 2006 in the Philippines</p> <p>74. Albert Orsolino (Philippines) Photographer for the daily Saksi Ngzayon Killed on 16 May 2006 in the Philippines</p> <p>75. Aquino Aquino (Philippines) Columnist for the local newspaper Central Luzon Forum and former radio newsman Killed on 21 January 2006 in the Philippines</p> <p>76. Rolly Cañete (Philippines) Journalist for radio DXPA and DXBZ Killed on 20 January 2006 in the Philippines</p>
AFGHANISTAN	2007
	<p>77. Zakia Zaki (Afghanistan) Director of Sada-e-Sulh radio station (Radio Peace) Killed on 5 June 2007 in Afghanistan</p>

	<p>78. Shokiba Sanga Amaaj (Afghanistan) Reporter and presenter, Shamshad TV Killed on 1 June 2007 in Afghanistan</p>
AFGHANISTAN	2006
	<p>79. Christian Struwe (Germany) Journalist for the German network Deutsche Welle Killed on 6 October 2006 in Afghanistan</p> <p>80. Karen Fischer (Germany) Journalist for the German network Deutsche Welle Killed on 6 October 2006 in Afghanistan</p> <p>81. Abdul Qodus (Afghanistan) Cameraman for the privately-owned TV station Aryana Killed on 22 July 2006 in Afghanistan</p>
MEXICO	2007
	<p>82. Amado Ramirez (Mexico) Correspondent of the Televisa broadcasting network Killed on 8 April 2007 in Mexico</p>
MEXICO	2006
	<p>83. Misael Tamayo Hernández (Mexico) Editor of the regional daily newspaper El Despertar de la Costa Killed on 10 November 2006 in Mexico</p> <p>84. Brad Will (Mexico) Cameraman for the international agency Indymedia Killed on 27 October 2006 in Mexico</p> <p>85. Jaime Arturo Overa Bravo (Mexico) Freelance photographer and former correspondent for the Morelia-based daily La Voz de Michoacán Killed on 14 March 2006 in Mexico</p>
SRI LANKA	2006
	<p>86. Sinnathamby Sivamaharajah (Sri Lanka) Managing Director of Namathu Eelanad Killed on 20 August 2006 in Sri Lanka</p> <p>87. Sampath Lakmal de Silva (Sri Lanka) Freelancer Killed on 1 July 2006 in Sri Lanka</p>

	<p>88. Rajaratnam Ranjith (Sri Lanka) Employee, Uthyan Newspaper in Jaffna Killed on 2 May 2006 in Sri Lanka</p> <p>89. Bastian George Sagayathas (Suresh) (Sri Lanka) Marketing Manager, Uthyan Newspaper in Jaffna Killed on 2 May 2006 in Sri Lanka</p>
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2006
	<p>90. Anna Politkovskaya (Russian Federation) Journalist for "Novaya Gazeta" Killed on 7 October 2006 in the Russian Federation</p> <p>91. Yevgeny Gerasimenko (Russian Federation) Correspondent for the independent weekly Saratovsky Rasklad Killed on 26 July 2006 in the Russian Federation</p> <p>92. Ilya Zimin (Russian Federation) Reporter for NTV television Killed on 26 February 2006 in the Russian Federation</p>
BRAZIL	2007
	<p>93. Luiz Carlos Barbon Filho (Brazil) Journalist, Rádio Porto FM, Jornal do Porto, JC Regional Killed on 5 May 2007 in Brazil</p>
BRAZIL	2006
	<p>94. Ajuricaba Monassa de Paula (Brazil) Freelance journalist Killed on 24 July 2006 in Brazil</p>
COLOMBIA	2006
	<p>95. Atilano Segundo Pérez Barrios (Colombia) Radio commentator, Radio Vigía de Todelar Killed on 22 August 2006 in Colombia</p> <p>96. Gustavo Rojas Gabalo (Colombia) Journalist for radio Panzenú Killed on 29 March 2006 in Colombia</p>
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	2007
	<p>97. Serge Maheshe (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Journalist, Radio Okapi Killed on 13 June 2007 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p>

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	2006
	98. Bapuwa Mwamba (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Journalist for several Kinshasa newspapers, among them the opposition daily Le Phare Killed on 8 July 2006 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECUADOR	2006
	99. Suárez Sandoval Suárez Sandoval (Ecuador) Freelance photographer who contributed to the dailies La Hora Durandéña and La Prensa de Durán Killed on 14 February 2006 in Ecuador 100. José Luis León Desiderio (Ecuador) Presenter on Radio Minutera Killed on 13 February 2006 in Ecuador
INDIA	2006
	101. Aran Narayan Dekate (India) Journalist for daily Tar un Bharat Killed on 10 June 2006 in India 102. Prahlad Goala (India) Reporter Killed on 6 January 2006 in India
LEBANON	2006
	103. Layal Nagib (Lebanon) Freelance photographer for the Lebanese magazine Al-Jaras and Agence France-Presse Killed on 23 July 2006 in Lebanon 104. Suleiman al-Chidiac (Lebanon) TV Technician and head of a Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation (LBC) transmission facility at Fatqa Killed on 22 July 2006 in Lebanon
PAKISTAN	2006
	105. Hayatullah Khan (Pakistan) Photographer with Urdu-language daily Ausaf and the European Pressphoto Agency Killed on 16 June 2006 in Pakistan

	106. Munir Ahmed Sangi (Pakistan) Pakistani cameraman for Sindhi-language Kawish Television Network (KTN) Killed on 29 May 2006 in Pakistan
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY	2007
	107. Mohammad Matar Abdo (Palestinian Territory) Palestine Daily Newspaper Killed on 13 May 2007 in Palestine 108. Suleiman Abdul-Rahim al-Ashi (Palestinian Territory) Economics editor, Palestine Daily Newspaper Killed on 13 May 2007
BANGLADESH	2006
	109. Bellal Hossain Dafadar (Bangladesh) Correspondent of the Khulna-based daily newspaper Janabani Killed on 14 September 2006 in Bangladesh
EL SALVADOR	2007
	110. Salvador Sánchez Roque (El Salvador) Journalist, Radio Cadena Mi Gente Killed on 20 September 2007 in El Salvador
GUATEMALA	2007
	111. Mario Rolando López Sánchez (Guatemala) Producer, Radio Sonora Killed on 3 May 2007 in Guatemala
GUYANA	2006
	112. Ronald Waddell (Guyana) Television journalist for HBTV Channel 9 Killed on 30 January 2006 in Guyana
HAITI	2007
	113. Jean-Rémy Badio (Haiti) Freelance photographer Killed on 19 January 2007 in Haiti
INDONESIA	2006
	114. Herliyanto (Indonesia) Freelance journalist Killed on 22 May 2006 in Indonesia
KYRGYZSTAN	2007
	115. Alisher Saipov Editor of the "Siyosat" (Politics) newspaper, Voice of America correspondent Killed on 24 October 2007 in Kyrgyzstan

MYANMAR	2007
	116. Kenji Nagai (Japan) Video journalist of Fuji TV Killed in Myanmar on 29 September 2007
NIGERIA	2006
	117. Godwin Agbroko (Nigeria) Head of editorial board of the daily This Day Killed on 22 December 2006 in Nigeria
SUDAN	2006
	118. Mohammed Taha Mohammed Ahmed (Sudan) Editor-in-chief of the privately-owned daily Al-Wifaq Killed on 5 September 2006 in Sudan
TURKMENISTAN	2006
	119. Ogulsapar Muradova (Turkmenistan) Former correspondent of US radio stations Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty Killed on 14 September 2006 in Turkmenistan
TURKEY	2007
	120. Hrant Dink (Turkey) Editor of the Armenian-language weekly Agos Killed on 19 January 2007 in Turkey
VENEZUELA	2006
	121. Jesús Flores Rojas (Venezuela) Coordinator of the correspondents' office of the El Tigre newspaper Killed on 23 August 2006 in Venezuela



Resolution 29 "Condemnation of violence against journalists"

General Conference 29th Session, Paris, November 1997

The General Conference,

Recalling Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that "everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers",

Confirming that freedom of expression is a fundamental right of everyone and is essential to the realization of all the rights set forth in international human rights instruments, **Also recalling** the American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San Jose, Costa Rica), the European Convention for the protection of Human rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the African Charter on Human Rights and Peoples' rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Bearing in mind resolution 59(I) of the United General Assembly, of 14 December 1946, in which it is stated that freedom of information is a fundamental human right, General Assembly resolution 45/76 A of 11 December 1990 on information in the service of humanity, and resolution 1997/27, of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, on the right to freedom of opinion and expression,

Reaffirming that the rights to life and to liberty and integrity and security of person and also to freedom of expression are fundamental human rights that are recognized and guaranteed by international conventions and instruments,

Considering:

that over the past ten years an increasing number of journalists have been assassinated for exercising their profession, a development denounced by various international organizations, and that the majority of these crimes still go unpunished, that this reality in the Americas, for example, has been corroborated by the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) through investigations conducted in various countries and by special missions,

Mindful that, as a consequence of the Hemisphere Conference on Unpunished Crimes against journalists convened by IAPA, several professional organizations have decided to engage in specific joint action to shed light on unpunished crimes against journalists,

Conscious that the assassination of journalists goes beyond depriving people of their lives as it involves a curtailment of freedom of expression, with all that this implies as a limitation on the freedoms and rights of society as a whole,

1. Invites the Director-General:

to condemn assassination and any physical violence against journalists as a crime against society, since this curtails freedom of expression and, as a consequence, the other rights and freedoms set forth in international human rights instruments;

to urge that the competent authorities discharge their duty of preventing, investigating and punishing such crimes and remedying their consequences;

2. Calls upon Member states to take the necessary measures to implement the following recommendations:

that governments adopt the principle that there should be no statute of limitations for crimes against persons when these are perpetrated to prevent the exercise of freedom of information and expression or when their purpose is the obstruction of justice;

that governments refine legislation to make it possible to prosecute and sentence those who instigate the assassination of persons exercising the right to freedom of expression;

that legislation provide that the persons responsible for offenses against journalists discharging their professional duties or the media must be judged by civil and/or ordinary courts.

Resolution adopted on the report of Commission IV at the 27th plenary meeting, on 12 November 1997.