

Model Table assisting responses by Member States

Section 1: Table

Current List of Journalists Killed (as condemned by the UNESCO Director-General) and Legal Investigations (as reported by UNESCO Member States)

Date: To be sent to UNESCO before 30 May 2018

Name of journalist ჟურნალისტის ვინაობა	Gender სქესი	Date of alleged murder მკვლელობის სავარაუდო თარიღი	Investigating Authority საქმის მწარმოებელი ორგანო	Case Number საქმის ნომერი	Current Status მიმდინარე სტატუსი	Verdict განაჩენი	Additional remarks დამატებითი შენიშვნები
Grigol Chikhladze	Male	August 10, 2008, city of Tskhinvali, Georgia	Investigation Unit, Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court	074088079	Case is under official investigation	---	As of the date, criminal investigation is ongoing over the killing of the three journalists at domestic level. Meanwhile, the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court has opened investigation into the situation in Georgia over 2008 armed conflict following the relevant authorization by the Pre-Trial Chamber (PTC) of the Court in January 2016. At this stage, it is very likely that the killings of the three journalists will fall within the scope of the OTP investigation in terms of temporal, territorial and subject matter frames of the PTC authorization. The preliminary findings of the Georgian investigation suggest that Stan Storimans was killed as a result of the Russian aerial attack on the Georgian town of Gori on 12 August 2008. There is a bunch of evidence suggesting that cluster munitions were used in bombing and there was no military presence in the area under attack at the time. Klimchuk and Chikhladze
Alexander Klimchuk	Male	August 10, 2008, city of Tskhinvali, Georgia					
Stan Storimans	Male	August 12, 2008, city of Gori, Georgia					

						<p>were shot dead allegedly by Russian and/or Ossetian ground troops while approaching the town of Tskhinvali on 10 August 2008. The two wore distinctively civilian clothing and the press signs while being shot.</p> <p>Given the above circumstances, there is reasonable doubt to believe that the killings of the three journalists constitute war crimes and occurred at places and time relevant to the OTP investigation.</p> <p>Killings of Stan Storimans, Alexander Klimchuk and Grigol Chikhladze have also been investigated by the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia as part of the wider investigation over the war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed during 2008 armed conflict. The Investigation authorities of Georgia faced a number of serious difficulties in the process of investigation. Major challenges that emerged throughout the investigations were the lack of access to evidence given the continued occupation of relevant areas by Russia and the inability of Georgian authorities to obtain co-operation from the Russian authorities. In March 2015, Georgian authorities notified ICC about the challenges concerned. This notification has allowed ICC to launch its investigation.</p>
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Section 2: Positive or Innovative Measures the Member State is taking to promote safety of journalists and combat impunity

Activity	Actors	Outcome(s)
<p><i>Example:</i> On 12 January 2017, a consultation was held resulting in a conference with several outcomes.</p>	<p><i>Example:</i> Government officials, security and police forces, civil society and media actors</p>	<p><i>Examples:</i> -The Government has appointed the Minister for the Interior, as the Government Focal Point for Journalists Safety who will oversee the national plan of action on this issue. -A special prosecutor for crimes against journalists has been appointed by the President. - Civil society monitoring groups and media will communicate their findings to the Government focal point so as to strengthen data collection and monitoring of safety and impunity in the country, enabling a database that can serve parliament, ministries, and international requests for information.</p>

Section 3: Steps the Member State has taken to consider the specific risks faced by women journalists in the exercise of their work

<p><i>Example:</i> The Member State has convened a round table to work with civil society organisations on training for local journalists, both men and women, on gender equality issues in the media, particularly safety of women journalists on and offline.</p>

Section 4: Agreement to post the submitted information on UNESCO's dedicated webpage

Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia hereby agrees on posting the information submitted in the Table 1 on UNESCO's dedicated webpage.