## **Response by the Russian Federation**

## Section 1. Current list of journalists killed and legal investigations

Name of journalist	Gender	Date of alleged	Investigating authority	Case number	Current status	Verdict	Additional remarks
		murder					
Ilya Zimin	Male	26-Feb-2006	Investigative	Unavailable	Case under	Moldovan	
			Committee of	due to	official	Oknitzk	
			the Russian	Russian	investigation.	District	
			Federation	legislation	Materials of the	Court	
					criminal	delivered a	
					proceedings	not guilty	
					and evidence	verdict	
					collected		
					against the		
					citizen of		
					Moldova Igor		
					Velchev were		
					sent to the		
					Attorney-		
					General's		
					Office of the		
					Republic of		
					-		
					Moldova on 13		
					July 2006 for		
					Mr.Velchev's		
					criminal		
					prosecution.		

Gadzhi Abashilov	Male	21-Mar-2008	Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation	Unavailable due to Russian legislation	Criminal case is under official investigation, measures are being applied to identify the perpetrator.	
Shafiq Amrakhov	Male	19-Jan-2009	Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation	Unavailable due to Russian legislation	Criminal case is under official investigation, measures are being applied to identify the perpetrators.	
Shamil Aliyev	Male	5-May-2010	Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation	Unavailable due to Russian legislation	Criminal case is under official investigation, a series of investigative and police operations are carried out.	

Hadzhimurad Kamalov	Male	15-Dec-2011	Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation	Unavailable due to Russian legislation	The criminal case was sent to court for consideration (4 accused – Murad Shuaybov, Magomed Hazamov, Magomed Abigasanov and Shamil	
					Isaev).	
Akhmednabi Akhmednabiyev	Male	9-Jul-2013	Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation	Unavailable due to Russian legislation	Criminal case is under official investigation, measures are being applied to identify the perpetrators.	

Dmitry Popkov	Male	24-May-2017	Investigative	Unavailable	Criminal case	
			Committee of	due to	is under official	
			the Russian	Russian	investigation.	
			Federation	legislation	So far 3 figures	
				_	have been	
					identified as	
					involved in	
					Mr.Popkov's	
					murder (Viktor	
					Shestakov,	
					Nikolai	
					Goryunov and	
					Isa Hashiev).	
					They are	
					charged with	
					organization of	
					murder and	
					murder.	

Section 2: Positive or Innovative Measures taken to promote safety of journalists and combat impunity

Activity	Actors	Outcome(s)		
3 March 2020 – Moscow Journalists'	Government officials, defense and police	- Journalists received fact-based, clear		
Union round table on safety of	forces, journalists	information and advice		
journalists		- Government officials presented the		
		already existing legislation and its new		
		initiatives		
13-20 September 2020 – annual safety of	Officials from Foreign Ministry, Defense	- Training session for journalists working		
journalists training session «Bastion»	Ministry, Ministry of Internal Affairs,	in high-risk zones		
	Emergencies Ministry, security services,	- Journalists received professional advice		
	journalists	how to tackle crisis situations		
30 October 2020 – round table on	Officials from Defense Ministry,	- Practical conversation on pressing		
cooperation of journalists with security	Ministry of Internal Affairs,	issues regarding covering conflicts and		
services during armed conflicts	Emergencies Ministry, security services,	other dangerous cases		
	journalists			
16 June 2020 – video-conference on	Government officials, journalists	- Discussion on journalists' work during		
journalists' work during the pandemic		the pandemic, practical advice given		
20 August 2020 – online-seminar	Professional journalists, young	- Dialogue and best practices exchange		
«Youth and media»	journalists, students			
26 January 2021 – international round	Government officials, experts, political	- Debate on the risks that journalists face		
table on «color revolutions» and role of	analysts, journalists	in the context of «hybrid wars»		
media				

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

There is still no sufficient fact-based evidence that women journalists face greater risks than their male counterparts in the exercise of their work.

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

The Russian Federation gives its consent to post the above mentioned information on UNESCO's dedicated webpage.