10 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with respect to General Assembly resolution 72/175 on “The safety of journalists and the issue of impunity”. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

Paragraph 20 of the resolution requests the Secretary-General “to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session and to the Human Rights Council at its forty-third session on the safety of journalists, with a special focus on the activities of the network of focal points in addressing the issues of safety of journalists and impunity and taking into account the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity and the follow-up thereto” (emphasis added).

The United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity proposes to strengthen partnerships between the United Nations, on the one hand, and civil society organizations and professional associations dedicated to monitoring the safety of journalists and media workers at national, regional and international levels, on the other hand.

The final outcome document of the 2017 multi-stakeholder consultation process on ways to strengthen the UN Plan of Action conducted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization lists voluntary steps that may be taken, inter alia, by civil society, including: strengthening cooperation and co-ordination within civil society through information exchanges, especially on a south-south basis, and joint projects including missions and advocacy; and enhancing external coordination and synergies with other stakeholders, particularly with regard to training, monitoring and reporting, to establishing national protection and/or accountability mechanisms for the safety of journalists, to the national implementation of the UN Plan of Action, and to mobilizing additional sources of funding.

In this regard, I would be most grateful to receive from your organisation information on relevant activities within the framework of the UN Plan of Action to address the safety of journalists, both online and offline.

Please send any information your organisation may wish to provide by 17 May 2019 to:

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Please note that, unless requested otherwise, the information provided will be made available for consultation on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at www.ohchr.org.

Yours sincerely,

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