

CHARTER OF THE REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Reporters Without Borders, an international organization that defends media freedom and protects journalists, proposes cooperating with similar national and regional organizations in a worldwide network of cooperation and support. This "Reporters Without Borders Network" will operate on the following principles:

- 1) Reporters Without Borders and the partner organizations will each keep their own identity and personality and the right to independent action when they so desire.*
- 2) Membership of the Reporters Without Borders network implies that partner organizations are not under the control of a government or of economic, political or religious interest groups.*
- 3) Membership of the Reporters Without Borders network implies transparency in the financial resources of the partner organizations and informing Reporters Without Borders about their operating budget.*
- 4) Members of the network undertake that their individual or collective activities are carried out independently of any political, economic, ethnic or religious consideration, and with the sole aim of defending the independence of the news media and the free flow of news and information.*
- 5) The partner organizations inform Reporters Without Borders of every evolution in the conditions for exercising press freedom in their country or region, as well as serious incidents affecting the freedom of the media or the safety of journalists and netizens. They relay the positions, actions and protests adopted by Reporters Without Borders that are likely to strike a chord in their country or region.*
- 6) Reporters Without Borders for its part undertakes to assist the partner organizations by supporting their activities and helping them to have a wide impact, using all means it considers effective, as long as these activities accord with the goals and principles defined above.*
- 7) In the event of particular difficulties, the partner organizations will be able to request specific aid from Reporters Without Borders, including financial and material aid, with the sole aim of facilitating the continuation of actions in support of their common cause.*
- 8) In order to reinforce solidarity and better promote collective action by the network's members, Reporters Without Borders may invite representatives of one or more partner organizations to attend International Council meetings in an advisory capacity. The practical conditions for these meetings will be defined elsewhere.*

9) *Either of the parties may withdraw from the partnership by means of an email message from the president or secretary-general to his or her counterpart giving the reason. The partnership will end one month after the email message is sent.*

Name of partner organization

Reporters Without Borders

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Signature of representative

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