FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA AND SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND IN THE OSCE REGION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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Conference venue: Radisson Collection Hotel

(2/1 Kutuzovskiy Avenue Bld. 1, Moscow)

09.00 – 09.30   **REGISTRATION**

09.30 – 10.30   **OPENING PLENARY**

Harlem Désir, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Moderator: **Sergey Brilev**, Deputy Director for special information projects, TV channel Rossiya

10.30 – 12.00   **SESSION 1: Freedom of the Media and Media Pluralism in Russia and in the OSCE Region**

Panellists:
Diana Kachalova, Editor-in-Chief, Novaya Gazeta in St. Petersburg
Ivan Golunov, Investigative journalist, Meduza news website
Elena Chernenko Deputy Head of Foreign Policy Unit, Kommersant newspaper
Kirill Vyshinsky, Executive Director, Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency
Alexander Zharov, Head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media (Roskomnadzor)

Moderator: **Sergey Brilev**, Deputy Director for special information projects, TV channel Rossiya

12.00 – 12.30   **COFFEE BREAK**

12.30 – 14.00   **SESSION 2: Safety of Journalists: New Challenges and Responses**

Panellists:
Mikhail Fedotov, Co-Chair of the Public Collegium for Press Complaints, Secretary of the Russian Union of Journalists
Nadezhda Prusenkova, Head of Press Service, Novaya Gazeta newspaper
Vladimir Solovyev, Chair of Russian Union of Journalists
Svetlana Kuzevanova, Senior Media Lawyer, NGO Mass Media Defence Centre (Voronezh)
Igor Rudnikov, Editor and Founder of the Noviye Kolyosa newspaper (Kaliningrad)
Anna Knishenko, Correspondent and Host, RT news channel
Andrei Jvirblis, Moscow correspondent of Reporters Without Borders

Moderator: **Nadezhda Azhgikhina**, Executive Director, PEN Moscow

14.00 – 15.00   **LUNCH**

15.00 – 16.30   **SESSION 3: Fake News, Disinformation: how to tackle them, including through Internet regulation, and international standards on freedom of expression**

Panellists:

Leonid Levin, Chair of the Committee on Information Policy, Information Technologies and Communication, State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Elizaveta Osetinskaya, Founder of The Bell online news project

Maria Zakharova, Director of the Information and Press Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Ilya Shepelin, Host of the Fake News program, Dozhd television channel

Pavel Gusev, Editor-in-Chief, Moskovskii Komsomolets newspaper

Moderator: **Anton Krasovsky**, journalist and director of AIDS.CENTER Foundation

16.30 – 17.00   **COFFEE BREAK**

17.00 – 18.30   **SESSION 4: Media Self-Regulation, Fact-checking and the Role of Journalism, Ethical Standards and Media Literacy**

Panellists:

Victoria Polikarpova, Head of International News Desk, Sputnik News Agency

Damian Kudryavtsev, Media manager and owner of Vedomosti newspaper

Yurii Pogorelyi, Director of Internet Projects, Interfax agency

Tikhon Dzyadko, Deputy Editor-in-Chief and host, RTVI channel

Ekaterina Vinokurova, member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, journalist with RT

Moderator: **Anna Kachkayeva**, Director of the Centre for Digital Cultures and Media Literacy with Higher School of Economics, Member of the Public Collegium for Press Complaints

18.30 – 19.00   **CLOSING PLENARY**

Closing remarks:
Harlem Désir, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

19.00 – 20.00   **RECEPTION**
Hosted by the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media