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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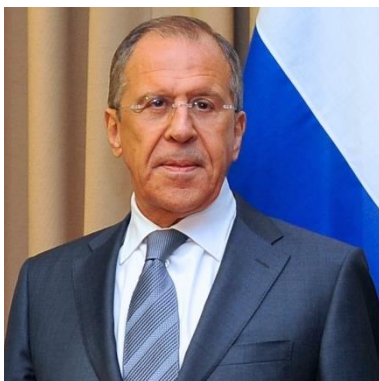
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OPENING PLENARY

Harlem Désir
OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Harlem Désir is the fourth OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media since the establishment of the Institution in 1997. He was appointed in July 2017 for a period of three years. Previously, he was the French Secretary of State for European Affairs. Before joining the government, he was a Member of the European Parliament for 15 years. The Representative on Freedom of the Media has a mandate to intervene on all media freedom issues in the 57 OSCE participating States, including on individual cases, safety of journalists, imprisonment, but also on legislation and promotion of media pluralism.

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Sergey Lavrov
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Sergey Lavrov started his diplomatic career in 1972 at the Soviet Embassy in Sri Lanka. From 1976-1981 he worked in the Department of International Organizations of the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1981-1988 he served as First Secretary, Counselor and Senior Counselor in the Permanent Representation of the USSR at the UN. From 1988-1990 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Department of International Economic Relations of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1990-1992 he served as Director of the Foreign Ministry's Department of International Organizations and Global Problems. In 1992-1994 he worked as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; in 1994-2004 as Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation at the UN; and since 2004 he has been Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

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Sergey Brilev
Deputy Director General of All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company (VGTRK)

Sergey Brilev is a Russian TV anchor, manager and presenter of the Saturday News with the Sergey Brilev program, a member of the Presidium of the Council on Foreign and Defence Policy, deputy director of VGTK Rossiya Channel, and co-founder and president of the Bering-Bellingshausen Institute. In 1993-1995 he was a special correspondent for the Moscow News international department. In 1995-1996 he was a special correspondent for Vesti, and in 1996-2001 he was the manager of their London office.

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SESSION I

Tatiana Moskalkova
High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation

In 1984-2007, she served in the law divisions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR, the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR), and the Russian Federation, from Senior Desk Officer of the Law Unit of the Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR up to First Deputy Director of the Law Department. Since December 2007 until April 2016 she was a Deputy of the State Duma of the fifth and sixth convocation, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Eurasian Integration and Relations with Compatriots. Ms. Moskalkova represented Russia's interests as a member of the Russian delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. In 2016, she was appointed High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation.

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Diana Kachalova
Editor-in-Chief, Novaya Gazeta in Saint-Petersburg

In the beginning of the 1990s, Diana Kachalova was working as a correspondent and then the editor of the political section in "Nevskoye Vremya", and she participated in the creation of the network of the regional newspapers "Moi raion" in St. Petersburg. She is a laureate of the Paul Klebnikov Prize "For Courage in Journalism" (2005) and the Grand Prix of the "Golden Pen 2007" contest. Since March 2011 Diana Kachalova has worked as an Editor-in-Chief of "Novaya Gazeta in Petersburg".

@NoGaSPB

Ivan Golunov
Investigative journalist, Meduza news website

Ivan Golunov is a Russian investigative journalist and correspondent of the investigation department of the online publication Meduza. His work has previously been published in Vedomosti, the Russian Forbes, RBC and other media. He is the author of a number of high-profile investigations of corruption in the highest echelons of power in Russia. In June 2019, Ivan Golunov was arrested and charged on suspicion of illegal production or sale of drugs. Many media and public figures considered this a falsification and reaction to his journalistic investigations. The case was closed five days later, and the journalist was released.

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Elena Chernenko
Deputy Head of Foreign Policy Desk, Kommersant newspaper

Her field of interests include WMD non-proliferation, arms control, and international information security. Prior to joining the Kommersant newspaper in 2010, she was the head of the foreign policy department of the Russian Newsweek magazine (2006-2010). Previously, she worked as a correspondent for the Voice of Russia radio and was deputy director of the Free Russian-German Institute of Social and Political Journalism of Moscow State University. Elena Chernenko is one of the young leaders of the Munich Security Conference (2015), a member of the Presidium of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policy, and a member of the PIR Center Executive Board.

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Kirill Vyshinsky
Executive Director, Rossiya Segodnya International Information Agency

Kirill Vyshinsky has over 20 years of experience in the Russian and Ukrainian media. From 1996 to 1998, he was Chief Editor on the Dnepropetrovsk "Channel 11". Later, he became one of the authors of the project "Street Television". In 1999-2006 Kirill Vyshinsky was Chief Editor of the information service and the program "Details" on the ICTV channel, and the host of the program "Actually". In 2006-2014 he was VGTRK's own correspondent (Rossiya-1 and Rossiya-24 channels) and covered events in Ukraine. In 2014, he headed the RIA Novosti portal. In May 2018, he was detained by the Security Service of Ukraine and was arrested for two months on suspicion of high treason. The court has repeatedly extended his detention until the authorities released him from custody on 28 August 2019.

Alexander Zharov
Head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media (Roskomnadzor)

In 2004-2006 Alexander Zharov worked as an assistant and then press-secretary of the Chairman of the Government of Russia M.E. Fradkov. From 2006 to 2007 he was a Deputy Director General of the broadcasting company VGTRK. From 2007 to 2008 he was the head of the Department of Press Service, Information and Protocol in the Government of Russian Federation. In 2008 he was appointed Deputy Minister of Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation. In 2012 Alexander Zharov was appointed the head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media.

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SESSION II

Mikhail Fedotov
Co-Chair of the Public Collegium for Press Complaints, Secretary of the Russian Union of Journalists

Mikhail Fedotov is a Russian lawyer, statesman, public figure, and human rights activist. He was a Class 2 Active State Advisor of the Russian Federation, and in 1994 he was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation. He is the Professor and Doctor of Law, and co-author of all the Soviet and Russian media laws from 1990-1991. From 2010 to 2019 he was the Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, and Chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights. In 1992-1993 he was the Russian Federation's Minister of Press and Information, and in 1993-1998 he was the Russian Federation's Permanent Representative at UNESCO. He is the professor at the National Research University "Higher School of Economics".

@MikhailFedotov

Nadezhda Prusenkova
Head of Press Service, Novaya Gazeta

Nadezhda Prusenkova is a journalist and executive editor of the independent Moscow-based newspaper Novaya Gazeta. She writes about court cases, as well as about nationalist movements and neo-Nazis.

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Vladimir Solovyev
Chair, Russian Union of Journalists

Vladimir Solovyev began his career in journalism in 1990, when he started working as an editor and correspondent for the Television News Service (TSN) of the Central Television of the USSR. At various times, he worked as a correspondent for the Ostankino State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company in Yugoslavia, as the head of the TV and radio broadcasting company in the Balkans, as deputy director of the TVO Rossiya-2 (VGTRK), chief producer, as head of the Documentary Films Service of Rossiya TV channel (VGTRK), and as an adviser to the Director of the channel Rossiya-1 ". Vladimir Soloveyev was elected chairman of the Russian Union of Journalists in 2017.

@RujNews

Svetlana Kuzevanova
Senior Media Lawyer, NGO Mass Media Defence Centre

Svetlana Kuzevanova has worked in the Mass Media Defence Centre since 2003. In 2014, she successfully completed training on the European Human Rights Education Program for Lawyers - HELP at Council of Europe, implemented by the Human Rights Trust Fund (HRTF). In 2015 she completed the course "Protecting Freedom of Expression under Article 10 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms at the European Court of Human Rights" (Strasbourg, France). Svetlana Kuzevanova has extensive practical legal experience in protecting freedom of expression, the right to access information, and protecting copyrights, and a consultancy on advertising and privacy laws. She has extensive experience on cases in the area of information law in national courts.

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Igor Rudnikov
Editor and Founder of the Noviye Kolyosa newspaper

Igor Rudnikov founded the newspaper "Noviye Kolyosa" in 1995, which is a private socio-political publication. In 1996 he was elected deputy of Kaliningrad City Council; he worked in Economic Policy and Municipal Property Committee. At the same time, he worked in the television shows GTRK "Yantar'" and NTRK "Kaskad", and was a presenter of his own programs, "Kolyosa", "Status quo", and "Yantarnyi rai". In 2000 he was elected deputy of the Kaliningrad regional Duma; and was the head of the Deputies' Ethics Committee. In 2006, 2011 and 2016 he was re-elected to the regional Duma, and joined the Law and Order, International and Inter-regional Relations Committee.

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Anna Knishenko
Correspondent and host, RT news channel

Anna Knishenko graduated from the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia with a degree in journalism and translation in Arabic. She worked as a correspondent on Channel One and, since 2008 has been working for Russia Today. On the RT channel, she worked as editor, correspondent of the department of culture, producer, correspondent of the department of politics and TV host. She was covering the armed conflicts in south-east Ukraine and in Syria. Anna Knishenko works in the pool of the President of the Russian Federation, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia, as well as in the pool of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation.

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Andrei Jvirblis
Journalist, Moscow correspondent of Reporters Without Borders

Andrei Jvirblis has been a columnist for the Business FM radio station for many years, and a Moscow correspondent for the international organization Reporters Without Borders. Since the beginning of the 1990s, he has been collaborating with various Russian and French-language media, and has been involved in publishing books for several years. He is a member of the Bureau of the Union of Journalists and Media Workers.

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Nadezhda Azhgikhina
Executive Director, PEN Moscow

Nadezhda Azhgikhina is a long time journalist, member of the Russian Writers Union, and member of the Global Alliance for Media and Gender. She has co-ordinated international projects on journalists' rights and freedom of the media, as well as culture and gender, under the auspices of UNESCO, UN WOMEN, ILO, WHO, OSCE, and other institutions. Nadezhda Azhgikhina holds a PhD in Philology and is a professor of the Department of Periodicals, Faculty of Journalism of Moscow State University. Over the course of her career she has published 18 books and other collections on journalism, culture, gender and human rights.

SESSION III

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

In 2007-2011 Leonid Levin was a Chair of the Council of the autonomous non-profit organization "New Policy". Since 2011, he has been a Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. Since 2014, he has been the Chairman of the Committee on Informational Policy, Technologies, and Communications. Leonid Levin is also a member of the Government Commission on Digital Development, the use of information technology to improve the quality of life and the conditions for doing business, Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Council of Legislators at the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on Information Policy, Information Technologies and Investments, and Deputy Chairman of the Council for Legislative Support of the Development of the Digital Economy under the Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

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Elizaveta Osetinskaya
Journalist and founder of The Bell online news project

Elizaveta Osetinskaya is the founder of an information project for business people The Bell and a video blog about successful entrepreneurs the Russian Norms. Before starting this project, Elizaveta has been managing business media for 10 years: from 2010 to 2011 she was the Editor-in-Chief of Vedomosti; from 2011 to 2013 she was the Editor-in-Chief of Russian Forbes; from 2014 to 2016 she was the Editor-in-Chief of the agency "RosBusinessConsulting". Earlier she worked as a correspondent and columnist at the newspapers Vedomosti, Segodnya and the News Agency "RBK".

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

Maria Zakharova was appointed the Director of the Information and Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in 2015. She served as Head of the Media Operational Monitoring Division of the Information and Press Department; from 2005 to 2008 she was the Head of the Press Service of Russia's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York City and since 2008 to 2011 she held various positions in the ministry's central office. In 2011 she was appointed Deputy Director of the Information and Press Department of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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

Prior to joining the Dozhd TV channel, Ilya Shepelin worked as a correspondent for Gazeta.Ru, RBC, Kommersant and Slon. He is currently a special correspondent for the Dozhd TV channel and the host of the weekly Fake News program, in which he, together with other presenters, parses and checks news materials in the Russian media.

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Pavel Gusev
Editor-in-Chief, Moskovskii Komsomolets newspaper

Pavel Gusev is a Russian journalist, media manager, and activist. Since 1983, he is Editor-in-Chief and, since 1993, is also the owner of the Moskovskii Komsomolets newspaper. Since 1991 he is the chairman of Moscow Journalists' Union. He is also the member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, and the Chairman of the Public Council under the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation. He was awarded the titles of the Honored Journalist of the Russian Federation and Honored Worker of Culture of the Russian Federation.

Anton Krasovsky
Journalist and director of the AIDS.CENTER Foundation

Anton Krasovsky is a journalist, and founder and director of the AIDS.CENTER Foundation for helping people living with HIV. He is the author of the "Epidemic" documentary project about the human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV). He also worked at the Kommersant Publishing House, the Yandex Internet portal, and the Independent Media Publishing House. Anton Krasovsky was the host and Editor-in-Chief of the NTVshniki program, the head of the election campaign of Mikhail Prokhorov and the Editor-in-Chief of Kontr TV.

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SESSION IV

Alexey Pushkov
Chair of the Committee on Information Policy and Cooperation with the Media, Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Alexey Pushkov is a member of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (Representative of the legislative (representative) authority of the Perm Territory). Since 2016 he serves as Chairman of the Commission on Information and Media, Council of Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. He was a Deputy of the State Duma of the sixth convocation, member of "United Russia" faction. From 2011 to 2016 he was the head of the State Duma Committee on International Affairs.

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Alexander Gorshkov
Editor-in-Chief, Fontanka.ru website

In 1990-1995 Alexander Gorshkov was working in the newspaper "Smena" as a correspondent, parliamentary correspondent, special correspondent in "hot spots" and deputy Editor-in-Chief. In 1995-1996 he was political editor of the "Nevskoye vremya" newspaper.

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Victoria Polikarpova
Head of the International News Desk (English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese & Farsi), Sputnik News Agency

Victoria Polikarpova's professional interests include, among others, international journalism, news journalism, multimedia journalism, news agency journalism, online marketing and Social media marketing. From 2006-2008, she oversaw the marketing department of the Russia Profile magazine, an English-language publication about Russia for foreigners (part of the RIA Novosti news agency). From 2011-2013, she was Editor-in-Chief in the English-language international broadcasting department at the Voice of Russia (Golos Rossii) radio station, where she pioneered the network's first ever live 24-hour international English-language broadcasting, based on original content. Since 2014 she works as an international journalist and media manager at the Sputnik international information agency, where she launched an international the 24/7 newswires in five languages. Through effective content strategy, she increased the agency's visibility to the level of such media actors as Reuters, AFP, and AP.

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Damian Kudryavtsev
Media manager and owner of Vedomosti newspaper

Media manager Damian Kudryavtsev created and headed the provider company Cityline, the Internet magazine and a number of media projects (the literary magazine Ay, forum.msk.ru, together with Artemy Lebedev the website of the Aquarium band, Dorenko.net, etc.). From 2006 to 2012 he was the general director of the Kommersant publishing house. In 2014, he founded the communications agency Yasno.Communications. In 2015, he acquired the assets of Sanoma Independent Media publishing house, including the National Geographic magazine (Russian version), Harvard Business Review, The Moscow Times, Vedomosti and other publications.

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Yurii Pogorelyi
Director of Internet Projects, Interfax agency

Yurii Pogorelyi started his career in "Interfax" in 1997 as a managing editor, and subsequently served as Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Information, Head of the Industry and Energy Information Service, Deputy Director of the Financial and Economic Information Service, Executive Director of the Financial and Economic Information Service and Head of Internet projects services in the Interfax. Since 2016 he has been Deputy Director General of the information agency "Interfax".

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

Tikhon Dzyadko is a journalist, deputy Editor-in-Chief and host of the RTVI channel and a former correspondent and presenter of the radio station Ekho Moskvy. From 2007 to 2012, he worked as a correspondent for Reporters Without Borders in Russia, and from 2010 to 2013, he led the weekly journalistic program "Dzyadko" on TV Dozhd. Tikhon Dzyadko was also a news anchor and deputy Editor-in-Chief of TV Dozhd. Since August 2016, he hosts for RTVI channel.

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Anna Kachkayeva
Director of the Centre for Digital Cultures and Media Literacy with Higher School of Economics (HSE), Member of the Public Collegium for Press Complaints

Anna Kachkaeva worked as deputy Editor-in-Chief of the weekly journal Sem dnej (1994-1995), as a television columnist for Radio Liberty and the host of the programs Watching TV and The Time of Guests (1993-2012). From 2005 to 2011, she was the head of the Department of Television and Radio Broadcasting of the Faculty of Journalism of Moscow State University. More than one hundred diploma essays were written and candidate dissertations were defended under the guidance of Anna Kachkayeva, as well as lectures and special courses on topical issues on audiovisual communication were prepared. From 2011 to 2014, Anna Kachkaeva served as dean of the Faculty of Media Communications at the HSE, and since 2019, she has been Director of the Centre for Digital Cultures and Media Literacy at the HSE. She is a member of the Russian Academy of Television (TEFI) and member of the Council for the award of state prizes in the field of media under the government of the Russian Federation.

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