

POSITION PAPER

Committee : United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

Country : United States of America (USA)

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Topic : Freedom of press and safety of Journalists

The United States of America welcome this discussion in the Human Rights Council. We, the people of America, believe this topic to be one of paramount importance, especially in times where the terrorists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria have taken to the most ruthless violence in repressing rights otherwise secured in all civilized countries on the planet. The murders of James Foley, Peter Kassig are prominent examples of these shameless violations of human rights and international law.

Furthermore, the United States is determined to take decisive action to ensure maximum safety of its citizens abroad. This includes all civilians, journalists and military personnel. In order to achieve this, the USA recognizes the importance of establishing and enforcing binding resolutions safeguarding human rights.

First of all, recognizing that the primary requirement for the observance of Human Rights is for them to be enforceable, the United States strongly urges all nations of this world to establish and accordingly enforce legislation safeguarding these Human Rights. The US hereby stresses the importance of durably enforced legislation on Freedom of press and safety of journalists.

Secondly, acknowledging that not all perpetrators of these Human Rights violations will subject themselves to this legislation, the USA strongly encourages the UN to sanction interventions will subject themselves to this legislation, the USA strongly encourages the UN to sanction interventions in areas where local laws safeguarding Human Rights are being durably broken.

Additionally, the US is willing to provide human, logistical and financial means to a reasonable extent so as to proceed the arrest, conviction, imprisonment and possible execution of Human Rights violators. The people are convinced that a durable solution to Human Rights Violations can and must be found in this Council.