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Dear Mr. Assistant Director-General,

Upon request of the Communication and Information Sector Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2019/38 of 9 April 2019 the Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to UNESCO has the honor to transmit herewith the information concerning the status of legal investigations of the killings of journalists and "actions taken by Russia to promote the safety of journalists and to combat impunity".

By this letter, we also grant our permission to the Secretariat to post the aforementioned information on the web-site of UNESCO.

May I avail of this opportunity to renew to you, Mr. Assistant Director-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Yours sincerely,*

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## **Actions taken by the Russian Federation to promote the safety of journalists and to combat impunity**

The Russian Federation plays an active role in international efforts to ensure the safety of journalists, prevent violence against media personnel in armed conflicts and combat impunity. In particular, our country has made a significant contribution to coordinate the positions and development of a joint decision on the safety of journalists at the meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council (December 2018, Milan).

Under its national jurisdiction, the Russian Federation firmly supports the safety of journalists and the creation of a favorable environment for media employees to perform freely their professional duties. There is a systematic legislative process of regular updating and actualization of national legislation and improvement of law enforcement practices with active participation of civil society.

At the same time, Russian expert and professional journalistic communities are encouraged to participate in this process, including at the international level. In particular, in May 2019, the Russian Union of Journalists together with the Presidential Council for Civil Society Institutions Development and Human Rights established a joint Center for Monitoring Violations of Journalists Rights, which will coordinate the information with the chiefs of the International Federation of Journalists.

In Russia unique training and practical courses "Bastion" organized annually by the Moscow Union of Journalists together with the Ministry of Defense, the Federal Security Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Civil Defence, Emergencies and Disaster Relief and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been established. They are focused on offering special training for media personnel and governmental structures in order to teach them how to work during crisis situations (armed conflicts, counter-terrorism operations, emergencies, riots). One of the goals of these courses is to provide the audience with the knowledge and skills how to save lives and well-being, as well as to how to behave adequately in dangerous situations while performing editorial tasks.