

# Five WAN-IFRA resolutions include call for greater protection for journalists

As the 67th World News Media Congress, 22nd World Editors Forum and 25th World Advertising Forum opened in Washington DC on 1 June 2015, the board of the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) had released five resolutions.



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It called on governments, international institutions and the media industry itself to prioritise journalists' safety and has denounced the state of impunity that surrounds the murder of journalists in many parts of the world.

It also called for greater solidarity within the news industry to propose solutions that improve safety and protection for all journalists, and to work together to support media professionals working in unstable and unsafe environments as a means of strengthening press freedom worldwide.

The resolution acknowledged the tragic statistics that show 1127 journalists have been killed in the line of duty since 1992. It acknowledged that over 50% of these deaths involved journalists working in print media, and that in the vast majority of instances, those killed were local journalists.

The full resolution can be read [here](#)

## Other resolutions

- Calling for the Release of Golden Pen Laureates and All Jailed Journalists [www.wan-ifra.org/node/132612/](http://www.wan-ifra.org/node/132612/)
- Calling on Venezuela and Ecuador to Respect the Independent Press [www.wan-ifra.org/node/132611/](http://www.wan-ifra.org/node/132611/)
- Calling for the Turkish Authorities to Respect Independent Media [www.wan-ifra.org/node/132610/](http://www.wan-ifra.org/node/132610/)
- Calling for Greater Support to Media in Fragile States [www.wan-ifra.org/node/132609/](http://www.wan-ifra.org/node/132609/)

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