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QUESTION OF: **PROTECTING JOURNALISTS IN CONFLICT ZONES**

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern sexual violence and gender-based attacks on journalists especially female journalists,

Noting further that female journalists lack safety trainings such as self-defense forcing them to take on additional risks,

Noting with regret that local journalists and foreign correspondences have been killed within zones of conflicts,

Noting with approval the various international laws and resolutions established to protect journalists in conflict zones,

Deploring the severe psychological challenges faced by journalists who witness graphic violence and experience threats to personal safety, isolation, chronic stress, traumatic experiences and other mental health issues,

Recalling the Geneva Conventions that provides a framework for protecting civilians including journalists during armed conflicts,

Keeping in mind the UN security council resolution 2222 and 2015 that reaffirms the protection and emphasizes the need for compliance with international humanitarian law to uphold freedom of expression for the press,

Deeply disturbed by authorities that exploit legal frameworks to silence, dissent and control the media using tactics like defamation laws to intimidate journalists,

Taking into consideration that journalists driven by commitment to integrity and accurate information venture into volatile areas where their presence attract hostility necessitating meticulous risk assessments,

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1. Recommends proper training and protection of media professionals in conflict zones which involves teaching them strategies to stay safe;
2. Urges all member states to take effective measures to support journalists trapped in conflict zones;
3. Acknowledges the autonomy of journalists who face government restrictions that limit their freedom of expression;
4. Supports the setting up of safety camps for civilians including journalists in conflict zones that could be installed by international humanitarian groups;
5. Recommends treaties and agreements to prevent attacks against journalists;
6. Requests International Medical line which can be used specifically for the aid of distressed journalists;
7. Appreciates the Charter of Rights that affirms International Humanitarian law, enshrined in Geneva Conventions as essential for protecting civilians in armed conflicts.