

## **EFJ Annual Meeting (AM) Moscow, 21-22 November, 2014**

### **Statements and Message of Solidarity**

#### **On Collective Bargaining in Greece**

*Proposed by Journalists' Union of Athens Daily Newspapers – JUADN; Journalists' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers*

The EFJ Annual Meeting has been aware by the Greek unions that despite the continuing efforts to re-negotiate collective agreement with Publisher's Association since 2008, the field of working relations in Greece stays totally uncontrolled.

Greek journalists are forced to work under precarious conditions and very often with very low wages.

These conditions have a tremendous impact on the quality of information and news provided to the Greek public.

#### **On the Hungarian Commissioner Tibor Navracsis**

*Proposed by SNJ-CGT, France*

Considering the nomination of Hungarian Commissioner Tibor Navracsis to the post of Commissioner for Education, Culture and Youth has been adopted even after a vote of MEPs against him;

Considering that this nomination is a potential threat to freedom of speech in the EU because as the former Hungarian Minister of Justice, he supported laws against freedom of the press.

The AM instructs the EFJ Steering Committee to ask for an urgent meeting with Mr Navracsis to clarify his position on this issue and work with other federations of creators to alert citizens of any attempt to restrict freedom of speech and creation.

#### **On Palestine**

*Proposed by SNJ-CGT*

The EFJ Annual Meeting welcomes the participation of delegates from the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate (PJS) as observers to this meeting.

The AM notes that since 2014, 19 journalists have been killed in the bombing of Gaza and that 350 Palestinian journalists have been wounded.

The AM support the PJS in their effort to defend and protect their members, to campaign for their rights to form movement as journalists, and to raise in international forums an end to impunity and that the perpetrators of crime against journalist be brought to justice

## **Message of solidarity to the NUJP**

*Proposed by the Norwegian Union of Journalists*

On the 23rd November, the international day to end impunity, it will be five years since the killing of 58 people - 32 of them journalists - in Ampatuan town. To this day, not a single perpetrator has been convicted for participating in the bloodshed. While defence lawyers have succeed in postponing hearings and trials, witnesses have been killed and the trial has been hampered by lack of funds and accusations of bribery of prosecutors and witnesses.

The Philippine union has followed the court proceeding, supported relatives, lobbied authorities and is demanding the end of impunity. At the same time the union continues the safety work, organizes safety trainings for colleagues and gathering evidence in new murder cases. Since the massacre, at least 33 more journalists have been killed.

All this week, the campaign for justice against the single biggest massacre of journalists in history has been going on all over the Philippines. Press photographers have published black photos in newspapers. There have been round table discussions at schools and universities. People from IFJ and IFEX are among those who will light one million candles in Manila. The union and IFJ Asia have invited sister unions from all over the world to take part. A big delegation from Australia and lots of colleagues from neighbouring countries are there, but not from Europe.

The Annual Meeting of the European Federation on Journalists sends a strong message of support and encouragement to the Philippine union of journalists on the 5th anniversary of the Ampatuan massacre, the worst killing of journalists known in modern history.

Five years later, not a single person has been convicted for participating in the bloodshed.

The European Federation demands justice for all killed journalists and the end of impunity in the Philippines. The authorities must ensure that the Ampatuan massacre trial will be completed without further delay.