



## Political Declaration

**We, Ministers and delegates, who came together at the High-Level International Multi-Stakeholder Conference "Safety of Journalists: Protecting media to protect democracy" on the occasion of the 10-year anniversary of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity (thereafter "Plan of Action") in Vienna, Austria on 3-4 November 2022,**

*Alarmed* by the enduring attacks, reprisals and violence against journalists and media workers all over the world, in both conflict and non-conflict situations, and by the prevailing impunity for crimes committed against them,

*Recognizing* the current range of threats to the safety of journalists, media freedom and media pluralism, which include physical, psychological, legal, political, technological and economic threats,

*Recalling* States' international human rights and international humanitarian law obligations and commitments relating to safety of journalists,

*Welcoming* the multi-stakeholder process leading up to today's conference, including the five regional, and three thematic consultations,

*Acknowledging* the progress and good practices as well as the challenges and recommendations identified with regard to the implementation of the *Plan of Action* during this conference and the aforementioned consultations,

**Reaffirm our commitment** to the *Plan of Action* and **commit** to take the opportunity of its tenth anniversary to cooperate further in promoting awareness of and strengthening the implementation of the *Plan of Action* over the next decade by, inter alia,

- (i) strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships and coalition-building;
- (ii) fostering a coherent, coordinated and comprehensive policy approach that encompasses the three pillars of prevention, protection and prosecution;
- (iii) cooperating with relevant United Nations entities, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as relevant international and regional human rights mechanisms;

**Further commit** to effectively address new and emerging threats to the safety of journalists, media freedom and media pluralism, such as those arising in the digital age or new forms of legal and economic threats, as well as the specific risks faced by women journalists in relation to their work;

Building on this conference, **reaffirm our joint commitment** to work towards ensuring greater safety of journalists worldwide and accountability for crimes committed against them.

### Organized by:



### In cooperation with the coordinators of the UN Plan of Action:

