



## **APPEAL**

We, the participants of the dialogue between Ukrainian and Russian media organizations (National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, the Independent Media Trade Union of Ukraine, and the Russian Union of Journalists) under the auspices of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the media, reaffirm our commitment to continue the dialogue and consider that open and honest discussion of professional challenges and of the place of journalism in society is the only way to overcome hate speech, aggression and hatred and believe that dialogue is the main condition for preserving the core values of our profession.

We again remind all parties that the right for safety and free access to information, as well as responsibility for acts of violence and violations of journalists' rights are enshrined in international documents of the last several decades and must be respected. We, in turn, will continue to work together in order to monitor violations of journalists' rights and will seek investigation of all cases of violence and violation of journalists' rights to make sure that those responsible are brought to justice.

We appeal to our colleagues not to participate in information wars and incitement to hatred and to resist all attempts to provoke journalists and set them against each other. We are confident that our loyalty to the mission, professional and ethical standards, as well as our solidarity will help us on the basis of a wider dialogue maintain core values and the importance of journalism as common good.

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