

**Questions that can be put to governments to promote action on JOURNALIST SAFETY in the  
wake of UN Security Council Resolution 1738 (December 2006)**

(UK models which can be adapted for use in any country)

**PART 1: Obligations under international law, following UNSCR 1738**

Law officers

To ask the Solicitor General, what measures have been introduced to ensure the UK's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict; and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Solicitor General, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions his Department has had with *(i)* our European partners and *(ii)* others to try to seek the earliest possible compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict; and if he will make a statement.

Ministries of Defence

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what measures have been introduced to ensure the UK's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict; and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions his Department has had with *(i)* our European partners and *(ii)* others to seek the earliest possible compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict; and if he will make a statement.

Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what measures have been introduced to ensure the UK's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict; and if she will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions her Department has had with *(i)* our European partners and *(ii)* others to seek the earliest possible compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict; and if she will make a statement.

## **PART 2: Steps towards prosecutions of those involved in killing journalists**

### Law officers

To ask the Solicitor General, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions his Department has had in response to the finding of the coroner in October 2006 that ITN correspondent Terry Lloyd was killed unlawfully in Iraq in March 2003; and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Solicitor General, to list the steps his Department has taken to seek prosecutions of individuals in response to the finding of the coroner in October 2006 that ITN correspondent Terry Lloyd was killed unlawfully in Iraq in March 2003; and if he will make a statement.

### Ministries of Defence

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions his Department has had in response to the finding of the coroner in October 2006 that ITN correspondent Terry Lloyd was killed unlawfully in Iraq in March 2003; and if he will make a statement.

### Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions her Department has had in response to the finding of the coroner in October 2006 that ITN correspondent Terry Lloyd was killed unlawfully in Iraq in March 2003; and if she will make a statement.

## **PART 3: Obligations, under UNSCR 1738 & the Geneva Conventions**

### Law officers

To ask the Solicitor General, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions his Department has had, since the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict, with States Parties to the Geneva Conventions, in order to ensure that all that can be done is done to search for persons who have committed, or ordered others to commit, grave breaches of those Conventions, and to have them tried before their own courts or to hand them over to another concerned State, provided that that State has made a prima facie case against the said persons; and if he will make a statement.

### Ministries of Defence

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions his Department has had, since the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict, with States Parties to the Geneva Conventions, in order to ensure that all that can be done is done to search for persons who have committed, or ordered others to commit, grave breaches of those Conventions, and to have them tried before their own courts or to hand them over to

another concerned State, provided that that State has made a prima facie case against the said persons; and if he will make a statement.

#### Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what *(a)* correspondence and *(b)* discussions her Department has had, since the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of resolution 1738 on the protection of journalists in armed conflict, with States Parties to the Geneva Conventions, in order to ensure that all that can be done is done to search for persons who have committed, or ordered others to commit, grave breaches of those Conventions, and to have them tried before their own courts or to hand them over to another concerned State, provided that that State has made a prima facie case against the said persons; and if she will make a statement.

### **PART 4: Full and open enquiries on deaths of journalists in conflict zones**

#### Law officers

To ask the Solicitor General, if he will make it his policy to establish a full and open inquiry into the death of any journalist in a conflict where UK forces are involved; and if he will make a statement.

#### Ministries of Defence

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make it his policy to establish a full and open inquiry into the death of any journalist in a conflict where UK are involved; and if he will make a statement.

#### Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if she will make it her policy to establish a full and open inquiry into the death of any journalist in a conflict where UK or allied forces are involved; and if she will make a statement.

### **PART 5: Respect for independence & rights of journalists in armed conflict / against impunity**

#### Law officers

To ask the Solicitor General, if he will make it his policy, during armed conflict in which British forces are involved, to respect the professional independence and rights of journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel, as civilians, and, where serious violations of international law have been committed against such persons in such circumstances, to comply with all relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and prosecute those responsible; and if he will make a statement.

#### Ministries of Defence

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make it his policy, during armed conflict in which British forces are involved, to respect the professional independence and rights of journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel, as civilians, and, where serious violations of international law have been committed against such persons in such circumstances, to comply with all relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and prosecute those responsible; and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what **(a)** correspondence and **(b)** discussions his officials have had with **(i)** NATO partners and **(ii)** others regarding respect, during armed conflict, for the professional independence and rights of journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel, as civilians, and to obtain universal compliance with all relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and prosecute those responsible for serious violations of international law against such persons; and if he will make a statement.

#### Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if she will make it her policy, during armed conflict in which British forces are involved, to respect the professional independence and rights of journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel, as civilians, and where serious violations of international law have been committed against such persons in such circumstances, to comply with all relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and prosecute those responsible; and if she will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what **(a)** correspondence and **(b)** discussions her officials have had with **(i)** European partners and **(ii)** others regarding respect, during armed conflict, for the professional independence and rights of journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel, as civilians, and to obtain universal compliance with all relevant obligations under international law to end impunity and prosecute those responsible for serious violations of international law against such persons; and if she will make a statement.

## **PART 6: Direct Economic Aid / Impunity over murder of journalists**

#### Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if she will make it her policy to withhold or withdraw direct economic aid from countries where the murder of journalists is carried out with impunity, and open discussions with international agencies, including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, regarding the withdrawal of such aid; and if she will make a statement.

#### Aid Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, if he will make it his policy to withhold or withdraw direct economic aid from countries where the murder of journalists is carried out with impunity, and open discussions with international agencies, including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, regarding the withdrawal of such aid; and if he will make a statement.

### Finance Ministries

To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to withhold or withdraw direct economic aid from countries where the murder of journalists is carried out with impunity, and open discussions with international agencies, including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, regarding the withdrawal of such aid; and if he will make a statement.

## **PART 7: INSI's global inquiry ('Killing the Messenger') / protecting journalists in dangerous (but non-war) situations**

### Foreign Ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if her officials have studied the inquiry conducted by INSI, published in March 2007 as 'Killing The Messenger', which shows that most of the 1,000 news media staff killed in the past 10 years were murdered with impunity in their countries in peacetime; and if she will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what correspondence her officials have had with *(i)* our European partners and *(ii)* others in order to seek a further resolution of the UN Security Council so that the limited but important protection provided to journalists in conflict situations under that Resolution 1738 could also be given to journalists who, in dangerous situations across the world, investigate crime or corruption; and if she will make a statement.

### Overseas aid ministries

To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, if his officials have studied the global inquiry conducted by the International News Safety Institute, published in March 2007 as 'Killing The Messenger', which shows that most of the 1,000 news media staff killed over the past 10 years were murdered with impunity in their own countries in peacetime; and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what correspondence his officials have had with *(i)* our European partners and *(ii)* others in order to seek a further resolution of the United Nations Security Council so that the limited but important protection provided to journalists in conflict situations under that Council's resolution 1738 could also be given to journalists who, in dangerous situations across the world, investigate crime or corruption; and if he will make a statement.

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