

In anticipation of a research report we would like to provide you with some initial information.

HRC RR1 Protecting journalists covering organised crime and state corruption

Several journalists in multiple countries have been killed, threatened or silenced this year for reporting on state corruption and organised crime and their protection needs to improve.

The research report should focus on journalists who investigate the links between the state and organised crime or state corruption, not just on journalists covering organised crime.

Protecting journalists from organised crime is difficult enough, but it becomes even more difficult when the government that is supposed to protect them does not want their reports from coming out.

The justice system can be negligent in investigating crimes against these journalists, or, in some cases, even cover up that crimes were committed. Journalists also need protection against the states that abuse the legal system to silence them. The protection of journalists thus has two areas it can approve on: combating organised crime, but also improve protection against the state they are reporting on, which some states may not be too eager on.