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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on a European Year of Journalists

**Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a European Year of Journalists**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Protocol on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States annexed to the Treaty on European Union,
  - having regard to the Commission staff working document on media pluralism in the Member States of the European Union (SEC(2007)0032),
  - having regard to the European Charter on Freedom of the Press,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas at least 60 journalists around the world were killed in 2014 while on the job or because of their work; whereas since the beginning of this year, 17 journalists have been killed; whereas the past three years have been the deadliest for journalists;
- B. whereas concerns arise in relation to the pressure faced by the media in terms of editorial independence, precarious employment, self-censorship, quality of information, access and funding, arising from political and financial interference and from the economic crisis;
- C. whereas the European public has voiced its concern regarding the deterioration of media freedom and pluralism, and has repeatedly demanded action from the EU for the preservation of media freedom and the development of an independent and plural media;
1. Calls on the Commission to propose a European Year of Journalists.