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The Republic of Belarus has faced several obstacles while tackling the issue of preserving press rights. The concept of “freedom of speech” and “freedom of information” has been recognized by the Belarusian government. We believe that these can be considered as a part of human rights and should be recognized. Moreover, we understand the risks of manipulation to these notions and take measures in order to prevent such.

“Freedom of press” has been a discussed topic among Belarus. Mainly by the Western media we have been labeled as “combative” towards such acts. However, the intention between restrictions is to rather protect our country from such defamation. Belarus is located right next to Russia and Ukraine, where there is an ongoing war. The war has unfortunately affected severely on various circumstances from security to economics. And to prevent further reflections, we have taken several measures. Limitations put also ward off possible acts of terrorism or assault. As a developing country we have been neglected from the ongoing developed global industry. This has caused mainly our economy to be dependent on the fewer states who are open to such cooperations. As the presses development is proportional to such developments in perspectives of economics, education etc., the forming of improved press rights has been steady. Yet, The Republic of Belarus has taken several law enforcement acts to enlarge rights of press and information gathering. We have enabled the public to further use resources we can provide to gather data for research etc.

To combat the issue of lack in freedom of press, the Republic of Belarus believes education is the key. Whether it is to educate people on how to spread reliable news or hoe to access it we hope that we can teach people to learn and promote the truth. Without violating any others’ rights, we support the allowance of such acts. As long as press acts does not violate any rights, trigger any kind of harmful act, we respect the efforts in the following. We call up on member states to assist the developing countries on how to sustain the protection of press rights and acts and help when faced with any struggle regarding the topic.