**COUNTRY**: NETHERLANDS

**COMİTEE:** SOCIALHUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL COMITEE

**TOPİC:** PRESERVING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

The Netherlands is a European country that is bordered by Belgium to the South and by Germany to the East. The current population of Netherlands is over 17 millions. It has one of the oldest populations in the world. The state of the Netherlands was established in 1581. It ranked the 18th in the list of countries with the best economy in 2023.

As the Netherlands, we deeply care about human rights. Freedom of the press is a fundemental human right. However, it faces with many threaths all around the world. According to the 2023 World Press Freedom Index, the situation in the world is good or satisfactory for only 52 of 160 countries. In other words, the enviroment for journalism is bad in more than 70% of countries. The Netherlands believes that freedom of the press is a crucial matter for every nation. We deeply concern about this topic. In our country, the press works independent from the government. People can publish and press whatever they like. Acording to our constitution, the government can not take control of the press. Nevertheless, there are many attacks from people who try to obstruct freedom of the press. According to Global Expression Report, the Netherlands was the 6th open country in the world which means it was the 6th country that had a good enviroment for journalism. That number suddenly decreased after the murder of journalist Peter P. de Vies in 2021. For that reason, we are the 24th open country at present. Although the attacks on journalists have decreased, people still continue to damage freedom of the press. Nonetheless, we do and will always do our best to prevent these problems.

As the representation of Netherlads, we are resolutely improving ourselves. However, it is not only about us, but also about all nations and humanity. To Access the goal of the freedom of the press, we must educate the society about this issue soon. We need every kind of people in this matter to support journalism. We must punish the criminals who threaten the journalists. With that, the crime rate will decrease. We hope these suggestions will be useful for our country and others.

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