

RESOLUTION VI – CZECH REPUBLIC / KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

THEME : POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

CONCERN : THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

- Noting that freedom of expression and of the press are scarcely respected by many countries in certain regions of the world,
- Astonished by the manipulation of information by certain individuals, organizations or governments for propaganda purposes,
- Recalling its resolution 74/157, in accordance with the Declaration of Human Rights, in which the General Assembly "condemn[ed] [...] measures taken by States [...] to prevent or deliberately disrupt access to information [...] with the aim of impairing the work [...] of journalists, [...] and call[ed] upon all States to refrain from such practices and to put an end to them",
- Concerned above all by the fate of certain honest citizens and journalists who find themselves unjustly muzzled, locked up or martyred in their home countries as well as abroad,
- Decides to create the World Organization for Freedom of Expression (WOFÉ) with the aim of:
- putting an end to the most absurd forms of censorship, such as those concerning blasphemy, caricature or differences of political opinion;
 - upholding journalistic fairness in order to overcome professional obstacles, and demand the immediate release of any individual unjustly detained for peacefully expressing his or her ideas or opinions;
 - standardizing and increasing access to information throughout the world, as well as all forms of freedom of expression, by setting up a global digital and physical newspaper, bringing together all national press agencies, with articles published subject to validation by the WOFÉ.

The french text is binding.