Press Corps

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We interviewed a few people and asked them about what their country thinks about safety of journalists. The representative from the UK said, “We are open to free speech and believe the safety of journalists is important because without journalists, the country would be divided.” Canada had a semi different answer. The representative of Canada said, “Canada is notarially involved and that they have nothing to hide.” So pretty much nothing is happening with journalists and Canada.

Now on the other hand, Nepal was very different. The representative of Nepal said, “Being a poor country, they have a different point of view on journalists that it allows countries to be stronger and is practically a constructive criticism.” Now last but not least was Vietnam. Their representative said that they don’t want journalists in their country because they can spread rumors and propaganda.

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I have learned that a lot of countries have different opinions and reasons to support it. We next read some resolutions made by the delegates about the safety of journalists. The Latin American and Caribbean countries stated that we need to protect governments and restrict propaganda, while allowing some censorship while maintaining freedom of speech.

The African group said that there should be a contract that says journalists can only report on what the government and large international groups agree on. To sum it all up, I'll say this: every country has their own point of view and opinion, yet we can not change that. But the delegates are trying to make a solution that everyone can agree on to have the safety of journalists.

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