

# **MED-SOLIDAIRE: A REGIONAL NETWORK FOR UNITY AND SOLIDARITY**

## **PREAMBLE**

At a regional meeting held in Athens on November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, trade unions and associations, members of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) from the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, agreed to launch a sub-regional group of the IFJ in line with the provisions of its constitution.

The group shall be known as MED-Solidaire. It shall operate within the framework of the IFJ constitution and represents the interests of journalists' unions and their members within the industrial and political frameworks prevalent in the region.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. MED-Solidaire shall uphold and promote the aims and principles of the International Federation of Journalists in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea regions.
2. MED-Solidaire shall work to address professional and trade union matters, and to protect and defend freedom of expression and information as well as journalists' human rights.
3. MED-Solidaire shall develop and promote common interests in the fields of social, economic, cultural and media policy, and fight within the regional institutions for the aims and objectives defined in the IFJ Constitution.
4. MED-Solidaire shall work closely with other trade unions representing groups of workers in the media and will co-operate in working out general principles and guidelines for common trade union policy in the field of mass media and information.
5. MED-Solidaire shall schedule regional meetings and activities as and when required.
6. MED-Solidaire shall promote understanding and solidarity among IFJ unions in the region.

## **TASKS**

1. Med-Solidaire shall elaborate under its own responsibility a working programme to advance journalists' and their unions' interests in line with IFJ policies and principles.
2. Its decisions shall be reported to the IFJ Executive Committee and the IFJ Congress.

## **STRUCTURES AND COMPOSITION**

1. A Coordinating Committee of five members shall be elected to become the main decision-making body for MED-Solidaire, acting on all matters arising between annual meetings.
2. After its election, the CC shall designate a chair, deputy chair, treasurer and secretary. The CC may agree any working rule necessary.
3. MED-Solidaire is open to all member unions of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) in the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions.
4. Annual Meetings shall normally be organised every year. It shall be composed of one delegate from each member union and the members of the CC. Observers from IFJ member unions, trade union movements and other organisations may be invited.