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South Korea is very involved in the political issues of North Korea, which particularly struggles with issues of the press. One of the main topics of The Korea Herald is the safety of journalists concerns in Asia. The Korea Herald connects back to the topic of safety of journalists by doing its best to accurately report on the issue without any bias.

Many countries with unstable government and high political differences suffer from the devastating consequences of poor journalist safety; for example, North Korea has censored most of their news and political actions, such as not disclosing their possession of nuclear weapons and completely limiting the use of technology in daily lives. "In past problems, social media has helped people come to protests and change things"- Delegate of Trinidad and Tobago. North Korea is preventing people from creating any change, and limiting freedom of speech. In the Middle East, similar issues and happenings are being caused by war and an unstable government that hurts the people. Even though both countries censored information, countries still want to know what is going on, and they are sending journalists to gather information and

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tell the world. Only some countries do not want to share what is happening, even if it is war, and therefore killing or imprisoning journalists.

In the current world, countries of the far left and far right governments tend to have poor journalist safety, such as Cuba, Saudi Arabia, and North Korea. In the past, several attempts to solve journalist safety, like the Self Defense Movement, which has influenced other ideas, but as itself, not really worked. So far, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres has called for a change, but even so, it never inspired a movement, and organizations such as Reporters Without Borders have tried to aim for change but the problem seems to never end. In the committee of Human Rights Council in Montessori Model United Nations, countries were starting to come to consensus, and began to take action. They decided that they needed more conferences to educate member countries on safety of journalists. Another solution they made was raising awareness via social media such as Twitter and Instagram. Some proposed solutions were microchipping journalists and installing safehouses, but committee did not come to an agreement on those ideas.

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