



***UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL 00.01 BST TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2023 ***

FPA Open Letter on the Introduction of Charges for Media Coverage of the Tory Party Conference

The Foreign Press Association in London, representing international correspondents in print, online, and broadcast media from all over the world, is fiercely opposed to the charging of journalists to attend the Tory Party Conference this Autumn.

We believe that a fundamental tenet of a free and democratic society is allowing journalists – from all over the world - to freely report on matters of public interest. We have not found any comparable charges in any other country in the world, let alone in any other democracy.

It is a shame that the UK, part of the Media Freedom Coalition, co-organiser of the very first Media Freedom Conference in the world, a country with a proud tradition of press independence, should be the first to effectively tax journalists for doing their job. As observers of this country we feel the need to speak out.

We have been told that the reasons for the charges are administrative, to cover the “thousands” of no-shows: yet there appears to be no proof of these no-shows and there is no other comparable event that requires journalists to pay for coverage. In fact, this decision sets a dangerous precedent for countries all over the world who will use this decision to justify financial and other barriers to media scrutiny of the political process.

We therefore call upon the Tory party conference organisers to scrap or refund the charges and allow fair and free reporting for all.

Signed By (in Country A-Z order):

ALBANIA:

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KMA Albanian News

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ABC

Hans Van Leeuwen, The Australian Financial Review



Network 10 News
News.com.au
News Corp Australia
Seven News Australia
Sky News Australia
The Sydney Morning Herald

AUSTRIA:
Kurier
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Profil
Vorarlberger Nachrichten

AZERBAIJAN:
APA News Agency

BANGLADESH:
Dhaka Tribune

BELGIUM:
L'Echo
La Libre Belgique
L'Post & L'Post24 News
Le Soir
RTBF (Belgium TV)

BELIZE:
Naturalight Productions

BRAZIL:
Fernanda Zaffari, Bandeirantes BS
CNN Brasil
Mediatalks/UOL
Rede Globo
SBT TV Network
TV Cultura

BULGARIA:
bTV

CANADA:
CBC
CTV News
Global News
The Globe and Mail



Radio-Canada

CHILE:

Revista Domingo

CHINA:

CCTV Europe

CGTN Europe

China Daily UK

China Economic Daily

China Radio International

Guangming Daily

People's Daily UK Bureau

People's Daily Online

Social Sciences China Press

UK Cloud Media

Xinhua News Agency

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COLOMBIA:

7 Media

W Radio

CROATIA:

Hanza Media

CYPRUS:

Astra FM

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CZECH REPUBLIC:

Czech Public Radio (Cesky Rozhlas)

Czech Public Broadcaster (Ceska Televize)

DENMARK:

DR Nyheder

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Politiken

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Weekendavisen

ECUADOR:

DNews



ESTONIA:
Postimees

EUROPEWIDE:
Europe Street News
EPA
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FINLAND:
Demokraatti
Helsingin Sanomat
Kauppalehti
YLE

FRANCE:
Abaca Press Photo
AFP Agence France Presse
L'Agefi
Arte TV
C14 Media
La Croix
Europe 1
Le Figaro
Francais a Londres
France 2 TV
France 24 TV
France 24 TV Spanish Service
France TV
L'Echo Magazine
L'Express
Les Echos
Liberation
Le Monde
Le Monde Diplomatique
L'Opinion
Le Parisien
Le Point
Politique Internationale
Radio France
RFI
RTBF
RTL Radio
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GERMANY:

ARD German Radio
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Augsburger Allgemeine
Badische Zeitung
Berliner Zeitung
BILD
DPA
Deutsche Welle
Christine Heuer, Deutschlandfunk (German Public Radio)
Focus
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)
Gala
Germany Trade & Invest
Handelsblatt
NDR Norddeutscher Rundfunk
Nürnberger Nachrichten
ReporTrois
Rheinesche Post
RTL Television
Sächsische Zeitung
Der Spiegel
Stern Magazine
Stuttgarter Zeitung/Nachrichten
Süddeutsche Zeitung
Sudwestrundfunk
Sebastian Borger, Der Tagesspiegel
Die Welt
ZDF German Television
Die Zeit

GREECE:

ANT-1 TV
ERT S.A. (Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation)
Ethnos
Ta Nea
Thanasis Gavios, SKAI TV

HONG KONG:

Chaser News
Phoenix TV
The Stand News
Yazhou Zhoukan (Asia Weekly)



INDIA:

Ananda Bazar
ABP News Network
Bartaman Patrika
CNN News18
The Hindu
India Today
Press Trust of India

IRAN:

Iran International TV
Kayhan London
Volant Media

IRAQ:

Al Sharqiya News
NRT TV

IRELAND:

The Irish Times

ISRAEL:

Israel Radio

ITALY:

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Il Corriere della Sera
Corriere dello Spettacolo
Il Fatto Quotidiano
Il Foglio
Il Giorno QN
Philip Baglini, London One Radio
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Mediaset
Il Messaggero
La Nazione
RAI TV
La Repubblica
Il Resto del Carlino
Il Reformista
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JAPAN:

The Asahi Shimbun
Fuji TV
Hokkaido Shimbun
I-Media
The Jiji Press
Kyodo News
The Mainichi Newspapers
NHK - Japan Broadcasting Corp.
NHK Cosmomedia Group
Nikkei Business Publications
Nikkei Europe
Nippon TV
Sankei Shimbun
Tokyo Broadcasting System
The Tokyo Chunichi Shimbun
TV Asahi
TV Tokyo Corp.
Yomiuri Shimbun

KAZAKHSTAN:

Timur Dyussekeyev, Kazinform News Agency

KUWAIT:

Kuwait News Agency

LEBANON:

Arabs Today

MEXICO:

CNN Redaccion Mexico
Editorial Televisa
Televisa
TV Azteca

MOROCCO:

Maghreb Arab Press
North South Publications

NETHERLANDS:

Geert Langendorff, Algemeen Dagblad
BNR Nieuwsradio



De Telegraaf
NOS Dutch TV & Radio
NPO Radio1
NRC Handelsblad
Trouw

NEW ZEALAND:
Discovery NZ Newshub
TVNZ Europe

NIGERIA:
Arise TV

NORWAY:
Britisk Politikk
NRK Norwegian Broadcasting Corp.
TV2 Norway

PAKISTAN:
Chalta TV

PHILIPPINES:
ABS-CBN News

POLAND:
PAP Polish News Agency
TVN Poland
Telewisja News24

PORTUGAL:
Agencia Lusa
CNN Portugal
RTP (Radio e Televisão de Portugal)
Sic Noticias

QATAR:
Alaraby TV
Al Jazeera International

ROMANIA:
Romania TV

RUSSIA:
Channel One Russia
Novaya Gazeta



RTR Russian State TV and Radio
TASS News Agency

SAUDI ARABIA:
Ajel
Arab News

SINGAPORE:
The Straits Times

SLOVAKIA:
RTVS (Public Radio & TV of Slovakia)

SLOVENIA:
Demokracija
RTV Slovenija

SOUTH AFRICA:
M-Net
News24

SOUTH KOREA:
JTBC
Segye Times
Yonhap News Agency

SPAIN:
ABC Spain
Agencia EFE
Antena 3
Catalunya Radio
Ctxt.es
COPE Radio
Diari Ara
El Economista
El Mundo
El País
El Periódico de Catalunya
Euskal Telebista ETB
Expansion
La Razon
Onda Cero Radio
Publico
RNE
TV3 Catalunya



TVE
TV Galega

SWEDEN:
Dagens Nyheter
Sveriges Public Service Radio and TV

SWITZERLAND:
Aargauer Zeitung
Basler Zeitung (BAZ)
Neue Zürcher Zeitung (NZZ)
RSI (Swiss Italian Radio & TV)
RTS (Radio Télévision Suisse) Public TV & Radio
SRF Radio & TV
Tagesanzeiger Zürich (TAZ)
Le Temps
La Tribune de Geneve

TAIWAN:
Central News Agency
Taiwan National TV (Public Broadcaster)
The Reporter News

TURKEY:
Anadolu Agency
Ekoturk TV
Hürriyet
Milliyet
TRT World

UAE:
Al Arabiya
Asian Lite
The National

UKRAINE:
Tyzhden (Ukrainian Week)

USA:
ABC News
Bloomberg TV
Breitbart News
The Daily Beast
LA Times
NPR National Public Radio



The New York Times
The New Yorker
NTDTV
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