

## QPEC

### ***The issue of censorship by governments – balancing media freedom with national security***

*Recognising* the right to freedom of opinion and expression as established in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

*Acknowledging* the importance of member states having sovereignty over national media

*Emphasising* that measures taken to conserve national security should be lawful, just and proportionate

*Concerned* by the use of restrictive measures to limit freedom of speech and journalistic freedom, and its potential to cause serious harm