Emergency Resolution

For Freedom of Speech in the Republic of Korea

The UNI MEI General Assembly meeting in Lisbon, 27 and 28 October 2015 expresses its solidarity with the journalists and media workers organised in the National Union of Media Workers in their ongoing campaign for the respect of the right to freedom of expression in the Republic of Korea.

Despite the commitments made by President Park and the government to improve the governance of public broadcasting and to restore the freedom of press, no significant progress made during the first two years of their term of office. Political influence, intimidation of journalists and media workers, repression of trade union rights remain recurrent practices and aim at silencing criticism of government policies and suppressing the diversity of opinions.

We condemn disciplinary actions and punishment taken by management of broadcasters that target trade union leaders and media workers fighting for freedom of expression and editorial independence at their work place.

We call on the Government to take action in order to restore good governance in public broadcasting, to ensure political neutrality towards broadcasters and the respect for their editorial independence and to guarantee the right to freedom of expression of journalists and media workers and their trade union rights.