

# **Code of ethics for bloggers**

## **World Association of Bloggers**

### **Preamble (\*)**

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, information and criticism... as fundamental freedoms.

This right includes the freedom to receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers and political or philosophical affiliations.

The virtual space has known on the one hand, serious overruns in the face of the rights of others, calls for hatred, attack on the dignity of others, defamation and rhymes... and on the other hand bloggers and defenders of human rights and freedom of expression have become victims of persecution and censorship around the world.

An inventory that requires a self-regulation policy based on a code of ethics for all bloggers worldwide

Freedom of expression must be linked to the social responsibility of bloggers towards the public, this freedom is subject to certain restrictions which must however be expressly set by this code of ethics.

### **Any blogger worthy of the name strictly observes the essential rules of this charter**

- The blogger defends the following core values:
- Truth as the essential value of information.
- Freedom as a condition of all practice and all ethics.
- Respect for the human person, both as a limit to the freedom to inform and as the end of all social communication.

### **Declaration of duties**

*The blogger: Any person having an official page on a WEB site or on an Internet network in his name or nickname and having a number of subscribers. Post regularly and publicly, at least 3 posts per week.*

- ✓ In accordance with this duty the blogger will defend, at all times, the values of freedom and truth.
- ✓ Defend freedom of information and the rights it implies, freedom of comment and criticism.
- ✓ Do not plagiarize content or copy texts, or extracts without indicating the source.
- ✓ Correct or delete any published information that proves to be inaccurate.
- ✓ The blogger will respect the privacy and dignity of individuals.
- ✓ The blogger refrains from publishing information or opinions that contribute to fueling hatred or prejudice and will do his best to avoid facilitating the spread of discrimination based on geographical, racial, social or ethnic origin, gender, language, disability, religion and political opinions.
- ✓ The blogger will show brotherhood and solidarity with respect to his colleagues.
- ✓ The blogger must cite his sources, if necessary.
- ✓ As much as possible, encourage discussion by taking part in the comments
- ✓ Take full responsibility for the content they post on the blogger's page (Including comments)
- ✓ Do not use images or any other content without acknowledging the sources (Photo credit: X)
- ✓ The blogger should be careful not to disseminate or endorse or share rumors or unconfirmed information.
- ✓ The blogger prohibits on the one hand the remarks calling for hatred and on the other hand the apology of crimes against humanity, racist remarks, terrorism and sexist