



The Global Alliance on Media and Gender (GAMAG) condemns the murder of journalists in Mexico.

Mexico has become the third most dangerous country in the world for journalists, according to Reporters Without Borders. Between 2012 and 2017, 35 journalists were murdered (El Economista, May 15, 2017).

In recent years through April 2017 433 women journalists in Mexico have been victims of gender-based violence. Between 2005 and 2017, 19 women journalists were murdered (CIMAC, 2017). *First Report on Violence Against Women Journalists*, published by the NGO CIMAC, shows that often it is the state apparatus that tries to intimidate women; in Mexico, 60% of aggressors are government officials. Most of these journalists covered corruption and links between government and organised crime. Thus, violence is the mechanism to prevent women journalists from exercising freedom of expression in patriarchal societies like Mexico.

The Global Alliance on Media and Gender (GAMAG) strongly calls on the Mexican authorities to investigate these killings and to ensure that the perpetrators are not left unpunished. The GAMAG calls on news media owners to ensure safe and secure conditions for the journalists they employ.