



Motion for a statement on freedom of expression

Booksellers from all over the world, united in the International Booksellers Federation (IBF), together in conference in Amsterdam issue the following statement regarding the freedom of expression:

Freedom of expression is a human right and must therefore be respected as such. It is essential for the advancement of knowledge and the development of understanding among people.

IBF believes in a peaceful dialogue through books. Therefore individual authors, publishers, booksellers and readers must be allowed to make free choices regarding what they write, publish, sell and buy.

IBF strongly condemns the illegal detention of writers, scientists, journalists and all independent thinkers around the world. Restricting the use of the Internet to economic activity only and banning it as a medium for free expression is a serious concern for us.

IBF calls upon all governments to respect and protect the freedom of expression.

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