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**Subject:** Re: Working group to address harassment against fact-checkers  
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Hi everyone,

Thank you, Baybars.

Looking forward to it,

Ana

On Mon, Jul 5, 2021, 13:12 Baybars Orsek (b)(6)@poynter.org> wrote:  
Dear friends & colleagues,

Hope you had a restful weekend.

I would like to thank you so much for your interest in this working group to help fact-checkers around the world to address harassment and threats for our work.

We have received a total of 23 submissions to join this working group. It's great to see such a high volume of interest!

I would like to suggest the below model to launch this working group.

### **Broader group for monitoring and evaluation**

This broader group convenes on a quarterly basis to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of IFCN's actions to help fact-checkers around the world under stress and risks due to harassment and threats. It also provides feedback to IFCN on such activities and evaluates IFCN's performance in those areas by working with IFCN on publishing quarterly "Harassment against fact-checkers" reports for verified signatories and the public.

This group will be updated on a 2/3 basis in a calendar year.

### **Core group for consulting and planning (group of 11)**

A smaller group acts as the core group for consulting and planning by convening on a monthly basis to discuss reported harassment cases and advising IFCN with action items. This group is provided with immediate updates on every harassment case reported by the fact-checking community and asked for their guidance and input.

This group will be updated on a 2/3 basis in a calendar year.

To move forward, I'm suggesting inviting the following names to the core group considering the diversity in geography and background.

Ana Brakus | Faktograf | Croatia  
Angie Holan | Politifact | United States  
Barbara Whitaker | Associated Press | United States  
Ellen Tordesillas | Vera Files | Phillipines  
Gülin Çavuş | Teyit | Turkey  
Jency Jacob | Boom | India  
Maarten Schenk | Lead Stories | Belgium / United States  
Pablo M. Fernandez | Chequeado | Argentina  
Rabiu Alhassan | GhanaFact | Ghana  
Thanos Sitistas | Elinika Hoaxes | Greece  
Tijana Cvjetičanin | Raskrinkavanje | Bosnia-Herzegovina

### **Action items for next steps**

I would like you to let me know if you approve the suggested core group by submitting this form no later than this Friday, 9th of July.

Once we have the core group formed, I'll send further information on regular calls (quarterly for the broader group and monthly for the core group) as well as communication methods to foster rapid and effective dialogue.

Please kindly note that this proposed model is not to be set in stone and will require further consultation and discussion to be a better asset for the fact-checking community. Your inputs and feedback are highly needed and appreciated! There will be more opportunities to reflect on this and improve the model on the go as we tackle future challenges and identify room for improvement!

Thank you so much!

Best-

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