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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Voices have power. Without the ability to speak up, question, and gain knowledge, the foundation of all human rights crumbles- you lose the “human” from “human rights”. ARTICLE 19 pledges to fight for all voices to be heard by embedding freedom of expression and information principles in law, policy and practice whether in communities, in the media or in the multi-lateral system. In this digital era, ARTICLE 19 pledges to use our resources, networks, and expertise to propel the freedom of expression movement locally and globally to ensure all people, everywhere realize the power of their voices.

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Civil society, human rights defenders, and a free and independent press are attacked with impunity, leading to a cycle where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can feel hollow. ARTICLE 19 pledges to work with states and the United Nations to build a true system of accountability for those silenced through intimidation, violence or murder and breath life into the Declaration by pushing for real implementation of the UN Plan of Action for the Safety of Journalists.

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Access to information powers all economic, social and cultural rights. Transparent information leads to accountability, empowerment and the ability for people to demand changes that improve their lives and those of everyone in their communities. ARTICLE 19 pledges to monitor and report on how access to information, including via a free, plural and independent media, is central to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Human rights must be consciously and robustly protected in the design and governance of the internet and emerging technologies. ARTICLE 19 pledges to use our resources, connections, networks and expertise to embed human rights principles, especially freedom of expression and access to information, in the design, development and deployment of technology standards and governance.