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A journalist worthy of the name :

- ▶ assumes responsibility of all that he writes ;
- ▶ considers the slander, unfounded accusations, alteration of documents, distortion of facts, and lying to be the most serious professional misconduct ;
- ▶ recognizes the jurisdiction of his colleagues as the only one which is sovereign in matters of professional honour ;
- ▶ accepts only such assignments that are compatible with his professional dignity ;
- ▶ renounces to invoke an imaginary title of quality, use disloyal means to get information or take advantage of the good faith of anybody ;
- ▶ does not receive money in a public service or a private enterprise where his status of journalist, his influence and his relations may be made use of ;
- ▶ does not sign articles of commercial or financial advertising ;
- ▶ does not commit any plagiarism ;
- ▶ does not claim the position held by another colleague nor does cause him to be dismissed by offering to work under inferior conditions ;
- ▶ keeps the professional secrecy ;
- ▶ does not make use of the freedom of the press with profit-seeking intentions ;
- ▶ demands the freedom to honestly publish his information ;
- ▶ respects justice and gives it top priority ;
- ▶ does not confuse his role with a policeman's.