

**Petition at the initiative of journalists participating to PrepCom1
Of the World Summit on the Information Society
Geneva, July 1-5 2002**

Tunisia was chosen to organize the World Summit on the Information Society together with Geneva. Yet that country is categorized by the journalism profession and by Human Rights organizations as an enemy of Freedom of the press.

It is therefore astonishing that this choice was not made conditional on a better respect for fundamental Freedoms, notably the rights to inform and to be informed.

Consequently, we make an urgent request to the ITU and the UN to demand of Tunis that it gives tangible and speedy demonstrations of a real determination to improve the situation.

Failing that, we request that the international community seriously consider the transfer of the Summit to a capital where Freedom of expression is better respected.

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