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Representatives from journalists' associations of Ukraine (National Union of Journalists of Ukraine) and the Russian Federation (Union of Journalists of Russia), also as participants of the international conference *Media Freedom in Volatile Environments* hosted by the OSCE in Vienna, express their deep concern for the fate of Donetsk journalist Stanislav Aseev.

On 2 June 2017 it became known that Stanislav Aseev, a well-known journalist, blogger, publicist and writer, known by the nickname Stanislav Vasin, disappeared in Donetsk.

Unfortunately, no one has claimed responsibility for his disappearance nor have there been any official statements on his whereabouts. Nevertheless, there is a high probability that Aseev was detained by representatives of the "Donetsk People's Republic" while carrying out his professional duties.

We call on the international community to do everything it can in order to determine the fate of our colleague Stanislav Aseev and provide for his release.