## **G7 Bars Meeting**

## **Resolution on Economic Recovery post COVID 19**

We, as representatives of bar associations in the G7 countries (the "G7 Bars") meeting on 17 May for the 2021 G7 Bars meeting;

Reaffirm the essential role of the legal profession in upholding the rule of law, access to justice and the fundamental principles of democracy, including the independence of the judiciary;

Emphasise the importance of respect for the rule of law to ensure the economic prosperity of our respective countries;

Proclaim our wish to engage in a constructive dialogue with governments and civil society organisations in order to find common solutions to the challenges the legal profession is facing, especially in relation to the protection of the rule of law and the independence of the legal system;

Having considered the priorities stated for the G7 Summit of Heads of State and of Government, to be held on 11-13 June 2021 in the Carbis Bay, Cornwall;

Make efforts to urge our respective governments to consider the following:

1. Support and assist businesses including small law firms or practitioners that have been affected economically by the Covid 19 pandemic by making support measures available to them such as grants, tax relief or government backed loans.

Signed on 10 June 2021

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