

G7 Bars Meeting

Resolutions on the Continuity of Justice

We, as representatives of bar associations in the G7 countries (the “G7 Bars”) and Australia 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. Guarantee the continuity of justice even in situations of crises (such as pandemics, war, industrial accidents, insurrection...)
2. Ensure the functioning of courts, by giving them the necessary means to carry out their mission;
3. Even in case of lockdown, guarantee the right for lawyers to carry out their functions and their free access by their clients.

Signed on 10 June 2021

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