



## **G7 Bars Meeting**

### **Resolution of the Bar Associations and Law Societies<sup>1</sup> in G7 Countries concerning opportunities offered by digitalization and artificial intelligence:**

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**We, the representatives of the bar associations in the G7 countries;**

**Meeting in Paris on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, for the G7 Bars meeting;**

**Request our respective governments to consider the following proposals and recommendations:**

1. Guarantee that access to justice, the right to legal counsel, and the independence of the legal profession, including the judiciary, are not prejudiced by the process of digitalisation and the introduction of emerging technologies in the practice of law;
2. Establish meaningful dialogue with commercial entities involved in the data processing of court decisions as well as with the public entities in charge of the administration of justice, to avoid unethical use of data and protect the access to court decisions
3. Ensure that court decisions are not based entirely on artificial intelligence or algorithms;
4. Work in partnership with legal professional bodies, universities and other stakeholders in the justice system to establish an independent mechanism to fully assess and monitor the impact of technologies, specifically the use of algorithms in the judicial system;
5. Increase investment in the ability of public bodies to understand the appropriateness of algorithmic systems, and where appropriate, how to deploy them responsibly and with respect to fundamental rights and freedoms. This includes the obligation to ensure that the dignity of the human person is safeguarded whenever artificial intelligence or algorithms are being used; of human dignity ;
6. Combat hate speech and violent content on the internet by means of a harmonised framework that respects Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and adopt proportionate and effective instruments;

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<sup>1</sup> The ABA has previously adopted its own policy in this regard  
[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/office\\_president/final\\_regulatory\\_objectives\\_resolution\\_november\\_2015.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/office_president/final_regulatory_objectives_resolution_november_2015.pdf)



7. Promote better representation of women and minorities in science, technology and engineering as the lack of diversity in the design, development and deployment of algorithms increases the risk of biases in AI products.

Signed in Paris, the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2019

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