

G7 Bars Meeting

Resolutions on Climate Change

We, as representatives of bar associations in the G7 countries (the “G7 Bars”) met 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. Build awareness in the legal profession of climate change and encourage firms to raise awareness to their clients and to take specific action to reduce their CO2 emissions and support agreed 2050 Net Zero targets.
2. Encourage promulgation of training materials and professional guidelines developed by bars and law societies to support law firms, in-house legal teams (where part of the regulated profession in a jurisdiction) and practitioners in developing their organisational internal policies on sustainability and reducing their carbon emissions.

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