



## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PROFESSION OF LAWYERS 2025

Passed by the LAWASIA Council, 11 October 2025, Hanoi, Vietnam

Whereas:

- (a) Article II – 1. (v) of LAWASIA’s Constitution states that one of the objects of the Association is “upholding and advancing the legal profession within the Region”.*
- (b) There are continued attacks and threats to lawyers in the discharge of their professional duties.*
- (c) There is increasing intimidation and harassment of lawyers who speak out on matters of public interest.*
- (d) An independent legal profession that acts without fear or favour, and without regard to its own interest, is critical for the promotion, preservation and protection of the rule of law and administration of justice.*
- (e) Law associations and organizations have an important role in advancing and protecting the welfare of lawyers and the legal profession in the public interest.*

The LAWASIA Council:

- (1) reaffirms its commitment to the United Nations Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers 1990.*
- (2) reaffirms LAWASIA’s Resolution on the Role of Lawyers and Law Associations 2015.*
- (3) reiterates that one of the roles of law associations and law organisations, which includes bar associations and law societies, in promoting the welfare and protecting the professional integrity of lawyers, as well as upholding the administration of justice and the rule of law, is to protect and defend its members and lawyers in general against threats, intimidation, hindrance, harassment, interference, inappropriate restrictions, prosecution, administrative or other sanctions, or other violations in the performance of the lawyer’s professional functions;*
- (4) urges all governments to recognise and respect the role of law associations and organisations, which includes bar associations and law societies, in protecting and defending its members and lawyers in general against threats, intimidation, hindrance, harassment, interference, inappropriate restrictions, prosecution, administrative or other sanctions, or other violations in the performance of the lawyer’s professional functions.*
- (5) commends the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyers 2025 to its member organisations for promotion within their respective jurisdictions.*

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