

Declaration in Marrakech

APPEAL TO THE LAWYERS OF THE WORLD

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As the legal profession has always worked for, and been integral to protection of freedom and fundamental human rights, new challenged threaten both human rights, and in the instance of human rights arising from the right to live in a clean environment, the very existence of humanity.

Lawyers around the world assert and demand a decisive and integral role, in collaboration with other stakeholders, in the struggle for justice, the rule of law, and fundamental rights.

The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights , the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights , the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights . Consistent with the principles outlined, the Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was adopted, and the lawyers of the world decided to join together in agreeing to an articulation and framing of the of the International Convention for the Protection of the rights of defense , signed in Paris on 26th June, 1987, and supplemented by the Convention of the World's Lawyers , on 6th December, 2008.

In the context of lawyer's, every day, around the world facing threats and obstacles in performing their fundamental duty and obligation to defend fundamental rights, in a meeting of the Second World Forum on Human Rights, held in Marrakech, on 29th November, 2014, in the Kingdom of Morocco, they have affirmed a call to act together, in collaboration with their local, national, transnational and international associations, to set a course for putting into practice the declarations and conventions reaffirmed in this declaration ; to mobilise public opinion internationally to protect lawyers where their work is under threat.

With this declaration, we invite lawyers of the world to prepare for the next world assembly of lawyers, which we expect to be the highlight of the next UIA congress, in Valencia, Espagna, from xxx to xxx 2015.

The protection of freedom, of all fundamental rights, requires independent lawyers with the liberty to perform their duties and obligations. For achieving this objective, lawyers need to reinforce their links with each other, to ensure mutuaql protection against these threats.

Rule of law, but the fundamental human rights and liberties of all mankind is at stake.