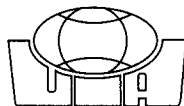


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LAWYERS, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

The International Association of Lawyers, meeting at its Marrakech Congress
in November 1994,

Considering that the inalienable rights of every member of the human family are the very basis for freedom, justice, peace and international security.

Recalling that the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which are aimed at development, progress and cooperation in economic fields on the basis of equality and independence.

Aware that peace and security in the world would help in creating favourable conditions for development and that massive violations of Human Rights, racial segregation, poverty and suffering, inequalities between rich and poor countries, cultural and economic dependence and intolerance are impediments in the way of democratic, friendly and peaceful relations between nations, and hence barriers to peace, security and development.

Aware too that the vocation of Lawyers, by the very nature of their role of providing advice, assistance and defence, is to contribute to social harmony, necessary for peace and development, and that it is also the responsibility of Lawyers to include participation in all works of peace and development in their role,

Proclaims the following Charter

ARTICLE 1

The duty of each Lawyer, as also that of every Lawyers' organisation, Law Society, College or Bar Association, in accordance with the principles and rules of conduct specific to the legal profession, consists of ensuring the right to legal advice, assistance and defence to every individual in complete independence, as well as allow him access to justice and the law without any distinction or discrimination.

ARTICLE 2

Given that the sacred right of every individual to justice and the law includes the recognition of his right to peace and protection against any physical, material and economic suffering, every Lawyer must fight against all armed conflicts, ethnic confrontations, foreign occupation, aggression, recourse to force and impediments of all kinds to the security of every individual and every nation and denounce, by all the means at his disposal, any action that may tend to encourage or perpetuate them.

ARTICLE 3

Lawyers and professional organisations that group them together must make all efforts, at national and international level, to reinforce peace and understanding between peoples, in order to enhance exchanges in every field, without any distinction of race, gender, language or religion, thereby contributing to the establishment of the best conditions of stability, peace and confidence among peoples.

ARTICLE 4

Given that the right to development is an inalienable right of every human person and all peoples, enabling the human person to effectively exercise all his inalienable rights, every Lawyer is duty bound to create or contribute to the creation of national and international conditions that are favourable to the realisation of the right to development.

ARTICLE 5

The Law Societies and Lawyers' organisations that are signatory to the present Charter undertake to cooperate in order to defend and ensure the respect of the principles that it lays down.