Resolution on the situation in the Middle East

The Human Rights Commission of the Union Internationale des Avocats, meeting on November 1 2000 for the 44th Congress of the UIA in Buenos Aires,

After consultations with several National Bar Associations and in the respect of the UIA Statutes,

Deeply concerned about the situation in the Middle East and especially in the Occupied Territories,

Always caring about the respect of the International Conventions and especially of the Geneva Conventions and other international instruments guaranteeing the protection of the fundamental human rights in every circumstances,

Condemns all the violations of these rights and the use of force against civilian populations, whatever side these violations come from,

Demands to all parties in the conflict to respect their international obligations, notably the United Nations resolutions on the matter and to continue their efforts towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict,

Invites all Bars and lawyers of the region to remind to their countries the respect of the principle of tolerance and of the rights mentioned above, with the objective of peace.

Buenos Aires, November 1, 2000