

G7 Bars Meeting

Resolutions on Lawtech & Ethics

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;

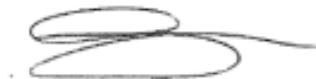
Having considered the priorities stated for the G7 Summit of Heads of State and of Government, to be held on 11-13 June 2021 in the Carbis Bay, Cornwall;

Make efforts to urge our respective governments to consider the following:

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1. Where legal technology is implemented, incentivise the adoption of technology in their jurisdictions where it guarantees an anthropocentric approach and leads to better legal services for the public and more effective access to justice.
2. Require that legal technology used be in full compliance with fundamental rights, such as the rights to the protection of personal data, to a fair trial and to an effective remedy, and the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity and by adopting specific measures for the needs of the disadvantaged groups, underpinned by the principles of compliance, transparency, lawfulness, competence and capability.
3. Guarantee the neutrality of data gathered and processed, as well as of algorithms and artificial intelligence used in all legal technology and data processing.

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