

G7 Bars
Statement on the situation in Afghanistan

We, the representatives of the bar associations of the G7 countries;

Deeply concerned about the situation in Afghanistan and about the fate of all Afghans -particularly women, those working in the justice sector, and human rights defenders;

1. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the right to asylum, as well as the right for Afghans to leave their country, and travel to another, safely;
2. **MANIFEST** our solidarity with the people of Afghanistan, those who are working in the legal community and all those who fight for the rule of law and justice in Afghanistan;
3. **URGE** our respective governments to ensure the safety of all human rights defenders and in particular of Afghan women judges and lawyers.

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