



The Doha Declaration:
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OF LAWFULNESS



Declaration on Judicial Integrity

Recalling Article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which recognizes the crucial role of the judiciary in combating corruption and requires that States parties, in accordance with the fundamental principles of the legal system and without prejudice to judicial independence, take measures to strengthen integrity and prevent opportunities for corruption among members of the judiciary, including rules with respect to the conduct of members of the judiciary;

Recalling Doha Declaration of 2015, adopted by the Thirteenth United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Congress, in which Heads of State and Government, Ministers and Representatives of Member States reaffirmed their commitment and strong political will in support of effective, fair, human and accountable criminal justice systems and the institutions comprising them;

Convinced that a judicial system based on the principles of independence, impartiality, integrity, transparency, accountability and professionalism is key to the rule of law, to upholding public trust, and to ensuring the effective delivery of justice;

Recalling the pioneering and continuing work carried out by the Judicial Integrity Group, including in the development of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct, the Commentary thereto and the Implementation Measures;

Reaffirming our commitment to the effective implementation of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct, as endorsed by ECOSOC Res. 2006/23;

Recalling with appreciation the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in developing the Resource Guide on Strengthening Judicial Integrity and Capacity and the Implementation Guide and Evaluative Framework for Article 11 and in providing assistance to States in strengthening judicial integrity, independence, accountability, capacity and professionalism;

We, the members of Judiciaries and other justice sector stakeholders here gathered, on 9 and 10 April 2018 at the United Nations in Vienna, decide to:

1. Continue our efforts in upholding judicial independence and promoting integrity, accountability and transparency in the justice system;
2. Strengthen our efforts to protect judges, including by ensuring that they can decide matters before them impartially, on the basis of facts and in accordance with the law, without any restrictions, improper influences, inducements, pressures, threats or interferences, direct or indirect, from any quarter or for any reason, and the protection of their security of tenure;



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3. Promote peer-learning and the exchange of good practices in strengthening and upholding judicial integrity;
4. Support the continuing efforts of the Judicial Integrity Group towards the strengthening of judicial integrity;
5. Support the creation and the strengthening of oversight, evaluation, disciplinary and other accountability mechanisms, without prejudice to judicial independence;
6. Support initiatives that promote transparency in court process and case management, as well as in the appointment, selection, recruitment, retention, promotion and retirement of heads of courts, judges, magistrates, other judicial office holders and court personnel;
7. Without prejudice to judicial independence, support initiatives that promote continuous judicial education and in particular training on effectively complying with relevant standards of conduct and on gender-related topics, such as sextortion and sexual harassment, recognizing that judicial training is essential for objective, impartial and competent performance of judicial functions and for securing public trust and confidence;
8. Work together, as appropriate, to develop guidance materials and other knowledge products to help our judiciaries to address new challenges to judicial integrity and independence, including those created by the emergence of new information technology tools and social media;
9. Recognizing that the above-mentioned objectives should be pursued at the global level to the benefit of every region, launch the Global Judicial Integrity Network as a platform of mutual learning and support, and welcome the readiness of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to facilitate the Network; and
10. Invite all judges and judiciaries to participate in the Global Judicial Integrity Network.

We wish to express our appreciation to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for hosting this first meeting of the Global Judicial Integrity Network, and to the State of Qatar for supporting the initiative. We also wish to express our appreciation to the Chief Justice of the State of Qatar for proposing to host the next Conference of the Global Judicial Integrity Network.