



## **LAWASIA THE LAW ASSOCIATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

### **RESOLUTION ON THE ROLE OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS / LAW SOCIETIES IN SECURITY THREATS**

#### THE LAWASIA COUNCIL:

- (a) considers that indiscriminate attacks in any form whatsoever, including acts of terrorism, constitute a threat to international peace and security, as well as fundamental human rights and cannot be condoned in any circumstances;
- (b) welcomes actions on the part of the international community and multiple nation states to deter such attacks, noting in this context, *Resolution 2178* adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 24 September, 2014;
- (c) observes, however, that the rights of the accused and all witnesses must be respected and that the core values, rights, obligations and independence of the legal profession must not be compromised;
- (d) encourages LAWASIA Member Organisations to play a role in ensuring that human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law are given full consideration in legislative measures taken in their own countries against indiscriminate attacks, including acts of terrorism.

**RESOLVED BY THE LAWASIA COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 12 AUGUST 2016 IN COLOMBO,  
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