

Statement of Continued Support

6 September 2021

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the International Bar Association (IBA) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact during the period of September 2019 and August 2021. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we enclose important reports published by the organisation for the activities undertaken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles. We have also listed the activities and events that the IBA has participated in which also support the UN Global Compact and its Principles.

The list of reports are as follows:

1. Online launch event with UN panellist, titled: "Maintaining judicial integrity and ethical standards in practice: an IBA study on criminal and disciplinary measures"
IBA published a report titled "Sextortion A crime of corruption and sexual exploitation" (September 2019): <https://www.ibanet.org/MediaHandler?id=E5E451C2-A883-4518-B0ED-5AAAEBBCDD5AA>
2. IBA Human Rights Institute Report - A Child Rights Response to Child Migration and Migrant Children at Risk (September 2019):
<https://www.ibanet.org/MediaHandler?id=a9e81c7a-56f1-43ca-93ea-091c3e2c8832>
3. IBA collaborated with the UNODC to develop and launch guidelines to uphold judicial integrity in the age of social media (06 November 2019):
<https://www.unodc.org/dohadeclaration/en/news/2019/11/from-washington--unodc-launches-guidelines-to-uphold-judicial-integrity-in-the-age-of-social-media.html> The Non-Binding Guidelines on the Use of Social Media by Judges:
<https://www.unodc.org/ji/en/knowledge-products/social-media-use.html>
4. IBA Human Rights Institute Annual Report 2019:
<https://www.ibanet.org/MediaHandler?id=5c010005-3aee-4cef-ba9b-73520880eb11>
5. IBA Human Rights Institute made recommendations on ending detention of migrant children to UN Special Rapporteur (30 April 2020):
<https://www.ibanet.org/article/122cd3cd-e4fb-426f-9681-762ca5b3a856>
6. IBA collaborated with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to develop the "Framework Model Curriculum on Continuing Legal Education in Environmental Law 2020" (05 June 2020): <https://www.ibanet.org/article/57a84738-4cb5-4bb2-a072-2d0fa8f97650> The UNEP approached the IBA to develop and introduce an

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environmental law curriculum in continuing legal education and other training schemes of various bar associations.

7. IBA Anticorruption Committee contributed with two consolidated submissions to the UNGASS 2021 Special Session of the General Assembly Against Corruption (June 2021): <https://ungass2021.unodc.org/ungass2021/en/contributionsStakeholders.html>
8. IBA published a report on maintaining judicial integrity and ethical standards in practice (June 2021): <https://www.ibanet.org/Judicial-integrity-IBA-publishes-new-report>
9. IBA President's Brochure 2021 - <https://www.ibanet.org/medias/IBA-Brochure-2021.pdf?context=bWFzdGVyfGFzc2V0c3wxMDA5MDIyN3xhcHBsaWNhdGlvi9wZGZ8aDI3L2g2Yy84ODA3MjA2NDUzMjc4L0lCQS1Ccm9jaHVyZS0yMDIxLnBkZnwyY2NIMzFjM2UxOGQyOWRiZTdhYW15YmNhZWZhZmU1OTJhM2lwMTg3ODY1YTMwMjkzMmRkYzE3NDI3MmFiNjlk&attachment=true>

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1. 21 October 2019: IBA Executive Director participated in the roundtable on "Seeing justice through: long-term issues in international justice". There was a panel discussion on "International Criminal Law and Human Rights Perspectives".
2. 29 October 2019: IBA Executive Director attended a panel discussion on "Convention on Crimes against Humanity" that was held at the UN Headquarters in New York.
3. 04 November 2019: IBA Human Rights Institute in partnership with the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights organised an event at the Geneva Peace Week 2019 titled "Human Rights in Peaceful Protest: Lawyers at the Forefront – A European Perspective" - <https://www.geneva-academy.ch/event/all-events/detail/180-human-rights-in-peaceful-protest-lawyers-at-the-forefront-a-european-perspective>.
4. 15 October 2020: IBA Human Rights Institute co-organised a launch event for the official release of the IBA co-funded publication titled "The Human Right to Respect for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in the Caribbean and Latin America, Current Situation and Prospects": https://corteidh.or.cr/docs/comunicados/cp_102_2020_eng.pdf
5. 11 November 2020: IBA produced a short film on modern slavery titled "Supply Unchained" - <https://www.ibanet.org/LPRU/Modern-Slavery#publications>
6. 08 December 2020: IBA Executive Director participated in the "High Level Meeting on Caring for Climate with UN Global Compact".

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7. 20 January 2021: IBA Human Rights Institute organised a webinar panel discussion regarding the United Nations Human Rights Council Emergency Session on Systemic Racism in Review: <https://www.ibanet.org/UN-Human-Rights-Council-Emergency-Session-on-Systemic-Racism>
8. May 2021 - December 2021: IBA Legal Policy & Research Unit Podcast Series "Sustainable Law in Action": <https://www.ibanet.org/Podcast-series-Sustainable-law-in-action>
9. 12 June 2021: IBA webinar titled "The impact of Covid-19 on modern slavery and child labour" - <https://www.ibanet.org/Modern-slavery-and-child-labour-Covid-19> included a panel discussion with the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons.
10. 16 June 2021: IBA Legal Policy & Research Unit Podcast titled "UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights 10th anniversary marked with John Ruggie" - <https://www.ibanet.org/UNGPs-10th-anniversary-John-Ruggie-podcast>

In addition, as of August 2021, the IBA has received and has accepted the official invitation letter to join the **Target Gender Equality (TGE) Global Coalition**.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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