

Resolution of the Human Rights Commission, the Ethics Commission and the Equalities Commission

1. Iran and Afghanistan (all three commissions)

The General Assembly of the FBE on 19 November 2022 in Palermo, Italy resolved:

Our Federation of Bar Associations of Europe represents over 1 million lawyers through their local and national representative organisations,

With knowledge of the violation of human rights of women in Iran and Afghanistan,

With knowledge of the harassment and detention of lawyers who are representing all those who are defending their human rights,

The FBE has grave concern for this violation of fundamental rights and express our solidarity with the lawyers involved in the defense,

The FBE calls on governments to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms recognized by national and international law.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

2. Ukraine

The General Assembly of the FBE on 19 November 2022 in Palermo, Italy resolved:

We strongly condemn the war in Ukraine and call upon lawyers to support our colleagues working to provide legal services in the most extreme situations of war, including in those places where humanitarian aid is necessary in order to preserve life, liberty and human rights. We support the work of our legal colleagues in assisting those people who continue to be stranded on the borders of Belarus, Poland and Ukraine, in giving legal assistance and humanitarian aid to all those who still need help. In our role as lawyers, we continue to be vigilant to protest war crimes and genocide.

3. Poland

The General Assembly of the FBE on 19 November 2022 in Palermo, Italy resolved:

We are witnessing a decline of the rule of law in Poland under its present ruling coalition.

Since 2015 we note that:

- a) the constitutional court, packed with political nominees, ceased to act as a legitimate element of proper check-and-balances system;
- b) the repeated refusal by the government to comply with judgments of the Court of Justice of European Union and of the European Court of Human Rights finding violations of fair trial standards, in particular the right of access to an impartial tribunal established by law;

c) the overhaul of the judiciary subjugating the courts to political control and resulting in further extension of average length of judicial proceedings.

We are increasingly concerned about this continuous decline, undermining the legal protection of Poland's citizens' fundamental rights.