**UIA Resolution on client privilege**

During the 63rd UIA Congress taking place in Luxembourg 6-9 November 2019,

We, the undersigned Bar Associations, in performance of our obligation to ensure the protection of the fundamental human right of confidentiality of the client-attorney relationship (also known as “client privilege” or “legal professional privilege”), want to remind all individuals, governments and our fellow lawyers that:

* Client privilege is a fundamental human right and a lawyer’s obligation to maintain;
* Legal professional privilege belongs to and protects the client;
* This right is pivotal to protect access to and proper administration of justice;

Along with the independence of the lawyer, client privilege is integral to the preservation of the rule of law and the right to a fair trial.

We therefore call:

On all Bars and Law Societies and all lawyers’ associations globally to promote awareness of the right of all citizens to legal professional privilege;

On all national governments, European and international institutions to respect this fundamental human right, as any attack upon the integrity of this confidential and trusted client-lawyer relationship would undermine the rule of law.