



ADVOCACY: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND REALITIES

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Final Statement

The participants of the conference “Advocacy: International Standards and Realities”

1. commend the Parliament of Azerbaijan for adopting important and much-needed amendments to the Law on Advocates through which to include all formerly licensed lawyers into the Collegium of Advocates;
2. appeal to the Presidium of the Collegium of Advocates to call a General Meeting of the Collegium to discuss current issues in the presence of the newly admitted licensed lawyers and those who recently passed the admission examinations;
3. express their hope that the Collegium will become an effective instrument in the promotion of the rule of law and the particular interests of the lawyers community.

The amendments should provide the framework within which lawyers may work constructively to develop the advocacy in Azerbaijan on the basis of international good practice and mutually compatible understanding of the rule of law and rights of the individual.

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