

Resolution on Religious Freedom

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The Commonwealth Lawyers' Association is a pan-Commonwealth professional association of lawyers which includes representatives from all 53 countries of the Commonwealth.

The 15th Commonwealth Law Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 9th – 13th September 2007 and was attended by over 1000 lawyers, judges and other legal professionals from a total of 49 different countries.

The Council of the Commonwealth Lawyers' Association:

Noted that the Commonwealth places the highest value upon respect for individual freedom of religion;

Expressed its respectful concern at the majority decision of the Federal Court of Malaysia *Lina Joy v Majlis Agama Islam* [2007] 3 CLJ 557 refusing to offer redress to a Malaysian citizen to change her identity document to reflect her conscientious change of religious belief;

Emphasised the need for all Commonwealth countries by their laws to reflect the right of all citizens to manifest and practise any religion or no religion as their conscience requires.

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