



## **Resolution on the Republic of Fiji**

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The CLA welcomes the International Bar Association (IBA) report on Fiji released in March 2009 and notes with regret its finding that the rule of law in Fiji is in dire straits.

The CLA shares the IBA's concern about the state of Fiji's judiciary and the personal grievances amongst the judges that has had negative effects that adversely impact on the judiciary to operate independently.

The CLA strongly urges Fiji's interim military regime and, in particular, the interim Attorney-General, in keeping with the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles to respect the principle of separation of powers and support the development of an independent judiciary.

The CLA strongly encourages the Fiji Law Society (FLS) and its members to be pro-active and continue to support the rule of law and efforts to return Fiji to constitutional government. In particular, the CLA urges the FLS to implement the recommendations in the IBA report and take steps to further its legal challenge to the Judicial Services Commission as soon as possible.

The CLA further strongly urges Fiji's interim regime to immediately implement the recommendations in the IBA report.

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