



Resolution on HIV/AIDS

15th Commonwealth Law Conference Nairobi, Kenya 9th – 13th September 2007

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 1200 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 great value on the right to life and to access to the best attainable healthcare for all of its citizens;

Welcomed the recognition of the right of all Commonwealth citizens living with HIV/AIDS, regardless of means, to have access to antiretroviral therapies, unhampered by considerations of cost occasioned by the operation of intellectual property laws;

Called on Commonwealth Heads of Government to speak with one voice to the World Trade Organisation and elsewhere to ensure that global regimes of intellectual property protection adapt to the health crises facing many Commonwealth countries such as that of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

Emphasised the importance not only of the availability of access to new therapies for those Commonwealth citizens who are living with HIV/AIDS, but also the urgency of adopting appropriate and effective strategies of prevention to limit new infections.

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