



## Resolution on the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

15<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Law Conference Nairobi, Kenya 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Law Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Commended** the action of the legal fraternity of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan during the recent judicial crises which culminated in the reinstatement of Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhary on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007, following the annulment of the President's Order by the Supreme Court;

**Noted** that by virtue of its membership of the Commonwealth, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is committed to the shared fundamental values and principles of the Commonwealth, at the core of which is a shared belief in, and adherence to, democratic principles including an independent and impartial judiciary.

**Urged** General Musharraf to separate the dual offices he holds as Chief of Army Staff and President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

**Called on** General Musharraf to ensure that the scheduled election is free and fair and held in accordance with the basic principles of democracy and good governance, human rights and the rule of law;

**Noted** its continued support of the legal profession in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in their efforts to maintain the independence of the judiciary and to promote democracy and the rule of law.

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