BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association affirms its support for the Rule of Law in the international community and its recognition of the need for an independent judiciary and for the independence of lawyers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Association notes with concern the reported arrest and detention or sentencing of lawyers in an increasing number of foreign countries because of their representation of individual clients;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association hereby authorizes the President of the Association, or his designee, to urge the Government of the United States, where appropriate, to bring to the attention of foreign governments the concern expressed by this Association in these resolutions.