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Restoring Afghanistan judicial independence with the Afghan Independent Bar Association (AIBA) reopening in exile in Brussels

On the occasion of the International Day of the Endangered Lawyer 2023, you are kindly invited to attend this press conference focusing on the judicial situation in Afghanistan and, more specifically, the services the AIBA is going to provide in exile, with the following high level panel:

#### Ruhullah Qarizada President of the AIBA

**Panagiotis Perakis** President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

**Emmanuel Plasschaert** President of the French-speaking Brussels Bar

**Claudio Visco** Vice-President of the International Bar Association (IBA) After the dramatic fall of Kabul and the Taliban's rapid takeover on 15 August 2021, the leadership members and lawyers of the AIBA have announced their commitment to continue their activities and reopen the AIBA as an organisation in exile, in Brussels. Reopening the AIBA in exile is a way to preserve the identity of the AIBA and its members, while providing services for lawyers, especially women, with support and cooperation of international partners.

The press conference will be held in English only and can be attended in person or (passively) online upon registration.

About the CCBE The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe is recognised as the voice of the European legal profession representing, through its members, more than 1 million European lawyers. CCBE membership includes the Bars and Law Societies of 46 countries from the European Union, the European Economic Area, and wider Europe.

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Date & Time 24 JANUARY 2023 10h00 - 11h30



#### Location

**Press Club Brussels Europe** Rue Froissart 95 1040 Brussels



### Attendance

RSVP by 23 January 2023 Please indicate if you participate in person or online

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