

STATEMENT

The Member Associations of the African Regional Group of the International Association of Judges (IAJ) have been informed that Mohamed DIAWARA, President of the Association of Judges of Guinea (AMG), has been unjustly suspended from his duties as Special Prosecutor and subsequently replaced in violation of Organic Law L/054/CNT/2013 of 17 May 2013, on the status of Judges in Guinea.

Indeed, following declaration **No. 003 of August 13, 2022, the Board of Directors of the AMG**, through the voice of its President, invited by public statement, **Mr. Alphonse Charles WRIGHT**, Judge, Guinean Minister of Justice **"to comply with the texts that govern the prosecution of persons who are accused of acts likely to constitute offenses, in the proceedings brought against Judge Pierre LAMAH, President of the Commercial Court"**.

In reaction to this statement, the Minister of Justice has taken the following measures:

- 1- Order No. A/2022/1991/MJDH/CAB/SGG of 16 August 2022 of the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, suspending **Mr. Mohamed DIAWARA**, Special Prosecutor, President of the Association of Judges of Guinea, on the grounds of: *"serious breach of duty of his condition, to the honor, delicacy or dignity of his profession and to the act contrary to his oath as Magistrate with immediate effect from the direct referral to the Superior Council of the Judiciary"*.
- 2- Order No. A/2021/2116/MJDH/CAB/SGG of 25 August 2022 of the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, appointing an interim chief prosecutor to replace **Mr. Mohamed DIAWARA**.

The Member Associations of the African Regional Group, on the occasion of **the 64th annual meeting of the International Association of Judges**, taking note of these measures, note that they have been taken against this Judge in the exercise of his functions as President of the Association.

They wish to recall that by virtue of the freedom of expression, belief, association and assembly conferred on the Judges of Guinea by **Article 23 of Organic Law L/054/CNT/2013 054 of 17 May 2013** on the status of Judges in Guinea, the President of the Board of Directors or any other elected and/or appointed Judge, has the right, on behalf of all Judges of Guinea, to take part in public debates concerning the law, the administration of justice, the promotion and protection of human rights, without suffering any professional prejudice.

Consequently, **the Member Associations of the African Regional Group of the International Association of Judges** disapprove of all the measures taken against the President of the Association of Judges of Guinea (AMG).

They extend their unwavering support to the President and all the members of the AMG.

They invite the Guinean Minister of Justice to withdraw the decisions taken against the President of the Association of Judges of Guinea.

Tel Aviv, Israel, on 18 September 2022