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The Romanian Magistrates' Association (AMR), the National Union of Romanian Judges (UNJR), the Association of Judges for the Defence of Human Rights (AJADO) and the Association of Romanian Prosecutors (APR) support the efforts of the International Association of Judges (IAJ-UIM) and MEDEL (Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés) to find solutions in support of their colleagues and fellow judges and prosecutors in Afghanistan.

The AMR, UNJR, AJADO and APR, together with their European colleagues, call on all relevant international bodies to provide effective support and solutions for their Afghan colleagues, magistrates who are currently facing the dissolution of the rights and freedoms they promoted and which guided their professional and personal lives.

Our magistrates' associations emphasize that this support is absolutely necessary at a time when Afghan colleagues face an uncertain future, where their very lives may be put at risk for their beliefs.

"The world community has a clear duty to support those who will now find themselves on the wrong side of the new regime. We have some responsibility for having created expectations of rights and liberties in that country that may no longer be available. (...) Promises were made and expectations were created that may now no longer be given but they must not be left without support. Women judges in Afghanistan have already expressed genuine fear in an uncertain and evolving situation. They are one of many groups that have tried to implement the values which many of us take for granted and which the west has actively encouraged. They cannot be left without support", the letter from the International Association of Judges (IAJ-UIM) states.

"MEDEL stands in solidarity with all Afghan magistrates and calls on all international actors to actively protect all women, including magistrates, whose lives are endangered by the deteriorating situation," said the European Magistrates for Rights and Freedoms.

We, the undersigned associations, fully support these demands and, for our part, call on the national authorities, institutions and European bodies to find, in accordance with their recognised competences, concrete solutions so that support does not remain at the level of declarations.



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These institutions and bodies which, over the years, have encouraged the efforts of the people of Afghanistan to create a state based on the rule of law and respect for human rights, have a moral responsibility to provide aid to people who are now in danger of being persecuted for their beliefs and for the promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms.

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