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**STATEMENT
ON
IMPACT OF ECONOMIC CRISES ON THE JUDICIARY**

1. Due to an economic crisis, which affected many countries worldwide, some of them reduced resources for the judiciary. Such developments could lead to a reduction of the access to justice and to an infringement of the independence of judges.
2. It is vital that in such times of crisis sufficient resources for the judiciary are maintained.
3. Financial restraints also should not reduce fundamental rights of citizen, be it by amendments of the law, which abolishes necessary procedural rights, or be it by reducing the means for access to justice (e.g. legal aid).
4. It is of utmost importance that the financial independence of judges is respected and care should be taken not to endanger that independence in reducing salaries or ignoring the effects of inflation.