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## RESOLUTION

### ON THE SECURITY OF JUDGES IN UKRAINE

1. At its meeting in Limassol on 16-17 May 2014 the EAJ received an account from the delegation of the Association of Judges of Ukraine concerning the occurrence over recent times of a significant number of incidents of
  - assaults on members of the judiciary in which the concerned judge was killed;
  - assaults on judges within and outside the court room, often aimed at directly affecting judicial decision making;
  - the setting of fire to court buildings;
  - the damaging of court buildings and theft of computers and other property from the courts.
2. In addition to both the great concern for the personal safety of Ukrainian judges and the sympathy for the victims of those incidents which members of the EAJ naturally feel and express, the EAJ wishes to stress that the protection of the safety of judges and all others engaged in the administration of justice, as well as the building in which they work, is an essential element in maintaining the functioning of any judicial system intended to provide for effective and independent justice.
3. In this regard, reference is also made to the:
  - Recommendation no. R(94)12 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe which says: “All necessary measures should be taken to endure the safety of judges, such as ensuring the presence of security guards on court premises or providing police protection for judges who may become or are victims of serious threats”;
  - Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary (1985) which state that (para. 11): “The term of office of judges, their independence, security, adequate remuneration, conditions of service, pensions and the age of retirement shall be adequately secured by law”.
4. The EAJ therefore deplores the incidents to which the Ukrainian Association has drawn attention and urges the Ukrainian authorities to put in place – as a matter of immediacy – all the measures necessary to ensure the protection of all those engaged in the administration of justice in Ukraine from acts of violence and vandalism.

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