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## **JOINT STATEMENT**

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The International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) and the Colegio Público de Abogados de la Capital Federal (CPACF) express serious concern regarding the continued arbitrary detention of Argentine lawyer Germán Darío Giuliani in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Mr Giuliani, an Argentine national and lawyer registered with the CPACF, has been detained since May 2025 under circumstances that appear to seriously violate his fundamental human rights, including the right to liberty and security and to a fair trial, and raise grave concerns regarding the conditions of his detention, including his right to maintain regular communication with his family.

The case presents additional concern as Mr Giuliani is a foreign lawyer and national of a country that currently has no diplomatic relations with Venezuela, thereby limiting access to traditional forms of consular protection and underscoring the importance of international oversight and support.

The IBAHRI and the CPACF emphasise the essential role of bar associations and international lawyers' associations in protecting the rights of lawyers, safeguarding the independence of the legal profession and upholding the Rule of Law. The detention of Dr Giuliani under arbitrary circumstances in complete violation of due process guarantees undermines not only individual rights but also fundamental principles of a justice system.

Against this backdrop, both organisations call on the competent Venezuelan authorities to ensure full respect of Dr Giuliani's fundamental rights and encourage governments and international human rights bodies to engage in efforts aimed at ensuring that his situation is resolved promptly and in accordance with international legal obligations.