

## Türkiye Barolar Birliği Başkanlığı

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## Dear Mr. President and Dear IBA Council members;

Regarded as a reality by all the scientists, global warming and the climate change that it brings along, threaten the future of the humanity; humanity is being drawn into extinction. Fossil-fuel based energy, industrial and transportation sectors destroy the natural resources and assets of the humanity. The level of water-soil and air pollution is going towards an uncontrollable point.

The political powers of the countries which are expected to take more responsibilities for the future of the humanity and the world do not show the necessary awareness regarding this problem. The political powers that are turning into a totalitarian power do not even need to take any responsibility. It is understood that the climate summit which took place in Paris in the previous days does not bear any hopes for the solutions regarding the future of the humanity.

The humanity is being drawn into extinction and the mission and the responsibility that the history of humanity lays on us as the lawyers, protect the whole humanity's right to life.

International Bar Association has undertaken the duties to ensure the establishment and the maintenance of the relation between the lawyers and the bar associations all over the world, to cooperate with the international institutions acting with the same targets in consideration of the UN principles and objectives and to ensure the coordination.

Basing on the worries and opinions that we expressed above, we call on, through the International Bar Association at which we are members, all the lawyers of the world and the bar associations as their professional organizations to take responsibility for the future of the humanity. We kindly request from your organization that our call be submitted to the bar associations all over the world.



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Furthermore, as a concrete objective; we invite the International Bar Association, before all its members and the international organizations, to conduct studies to establish a Criminal Court for Global Environment, where the ones and the political structures not fulfilling this responsibility will be tried, in order to prevent the extinction that the humanity is facing due to the problems related to the global warming and the environment.

Sincerely Yours,

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