



**DECLARATION ON THE ATTACKS ON THE INDEPENDENCE  
OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE JUDICIARY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
THE PAN AFRICAN LAWYERS UNION**

**FOLLOWS** with keen interest the developments related to the constitutional amendment process in the Central African Republic,

**LEARNED** with great concern the attacks against the Bar Association and the Judiciary,

**CONDEMNS** in the strongest terms the death threats directed at Advocate MANGUERKA and the Bar Association President Emile BIZON by the Coordinator of a movement that claims to be close to the Government and whose members have stormed the headquarters of the Constitutional Court uttering threats, intimidation and insults to Senior Judges, including the President, Daniel DARLAN,

**CONDEMNS** the utterly threatening terms of the press release n° 53/22 issued on September 20, 2022, by Blaise Didacien KOSS IMA TCHI, Coordinator of the Galaxie Nationale, which calls for a popular uprising against the Bar Association and various civil society organizations,

**EXTENDS** its full support to the Bar Association, to its President and to all members of the judiciary,

**COMMENDS** the courage, dignity and sense of duty of the members of the Constitutional Court who completed the case examination process and rendered ruling No. 009/CC/22 of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022,

**REITERATES** that the independence of the Bar and the judiciary is a fundamental guarantee of the rule of law,

**CALLS** for the opening of a judicial inquiry into the death threats and the contempt for the judiciary as mentioned above,

**URGES** the Government to ensure the safety of the members of the judiciary, to abide by the court's decisions and to comply with the international commitments made by the country in relation to the rule of law.

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