



Justice Action Coalition

Statement on the Occasion of the Adoption by United Nations General Assembly of the Resolution on Equal Access to Justice for All

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Today the Justice Action Coalition welcomes the adoption of the first-ever [resolution on access to justice for all](#) by the United Nations General Assembly. This resolution supports the advancement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, whose overarching vision is to “leave no one behind” and in particular Goal 16, which promotes equal access to justice for all.

As a diverse, global coalition working to achieve measurable justice outcomes, we express our support for the actions called for in the resolution, which include a call to all Member States to provide fair, transparent, effective, non-discriminatory, and accountable services to promote access to justice for all, and to reduce inequities in criminal justice systems. It also requests that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime hold a meeting of experts on enhancing equal access to justice for all.

The Coalition affirms its interest in the meeting of experts, and the resulting report to be produced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which will establish a platform for further engagement, recommendations, and action to advance justice for all around the world.

We offer our collective support to this resolution with humility and mutual respect, given the challenges in securing equal access to justice globally and in our own contexts. We stand ready to support full implementation of this resolution, and we encourage all UN members to do the same.

We deliver this statement of support as we mark the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, which the resolution recalls as affirming that “all are equal before the law.” The Declaration continues to inspire our actions, and this resolution honors its spirit.