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The Bâtonnier of the Paris Bar Association, the President of the German Bar Association and the Dean of the Warsaw Bar Association of Advocates stand together to express their deep concern regarding the current situation in Belarus.

We are alarmed by the ongoing mass arrests and physical violence against protesters who refuse to accept the result of the presidential elections of 9 August 2020. More specifically we condemn the ongoing violation of the fundamental rights of the Belarusian people and the repression of Belarusian lawyers by the government. According to current reports, the right of access to a lawyer of those who are arrested are hindered, whereas lawyers are being intimidated and themselves detained. This undermines the core principle of access to justice.

We call upon Belarus authorities to respect the fundamental human right of access to justice, and to establish a dialogue with the civil society and the opposition in order to solve the current crisis peacefully. We stand in support of all Belarusian lawyers acting to protect the rights and freedoms of protesters and other Belarusian citizens.

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