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**Expression of Support to the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering from the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute**

Dear Mr. Juan E. Méndez, Dear Mr. Mark Thomson,

On behalf of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, please find here below the statement in support of the new Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering.

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute welcomes the new Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering and their solution-oriented approach for moving away from confession-based interrogations, towards rapport-based interviewing associated with legal and procedural safeguards.

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute calls for the application of the Principles as guidance on how to conduct effective interviewing, as well as on the review and reform of existing interviewing practices and criminal justice procedures.

Yours sincerely,



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