

## Conference Conclusions

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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and other international and regional instrument set a framework of obligations within which prosecutors must operate.

This conference affirms that prosecutors in every jurisdiction have a key role in upholding human rights for those accused of crime, victims of crime, witnesses of crime and members of the public.

This conference recognizes the essential duties of the prosecutor to observe and protect human rights as set out in the International Association of Prosecutors *Standards of Professional Responsibility and Statement of Essential Duties and Rights of Prosecutors (IAP Standards)*.

Abuses of human rights should not be tolerated in an open, democratic society and a robust criminal justice response can shape public opinion and influence social responsibility and prosecutors have an important role in this regard.