



**JOINT STATEMENT  
BY THE UNBA NEXTGEN  
AND THE EUROPEAN YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION  
REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

Dear Members, Dear Friends,

In light of the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases worldwide and the determination by the World Health Organisation that the outbreak is a pandemic, the NextGen committee of Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA NextGen) and the EYBA Board must announce the postponement of the EYBA Summer Conference 2020 (18-21 June), which will be deferred to Summer 2021.

We are continuously monitoring the rapid evolution of the situation and the experts' predictions but, at the moment - considering that the outbreak is reaching its peak at a different time in each country - it is impossible to know whether the situation will be resolved globally (or at least in Europe) by June 2020.

We note the positive developments in certain countries, a source of hope that a return to normal is indeed possible. It is within our reach.

On balance, we have determined that holding an international event this summer would not be realistic due to non-essential travels being generally prohibited and non-essential infrastructure generally unavailable.

The EYBA is thankful to all the members of the Organizing Committee for the effort shown so far, confident that – despite the circumstances - the positive energy will last until next year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@eyba.org](mailto:info@eyba.org).

Kind regards,

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