



UNION MONDIALE DES PROFESSIONS LIBERALES  
UNION MUNDIAL DE LAS PROFESIONES LIBERALES  
WORLD UNION OF PROFESSIONS  
WELTUNION DER FREIEN BERUFE

DECLARATION of TUNIS

(Hammamet)

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Liberal professions,

met in Congress in Tunis (Hammamet) by World Union of Professions,  
on the 21th-22nd April, 1994,

being aware of their agreement concerning the principles of independence,  
responsibility, ethics - and especially secrecy, considered by them as  
common criteria of their professional practice ;

being aware that they jointly constitute, at the international level,  
a "social partner", untitled - like the other economical and social  
sectors (Agriculture, artisans, merchants, fonctionnaires, etc...).  
To express its views and to participate in the high debates and options  
of the present time.

being aware of their world mission for humanism, social balance and  
peace, to men, nations and human community :

Declare :

1. That they want to assume the vocation having always been theirs in  
the last, and considered by them as being more necessary than ever,  
in the alarming situation in the end of XX century.
2. That to execute their mission in granting to the consumers the most  
elementary guarantees, they considered necessary for them to dispose  
of a statute of practice securing their controlled and high level technical  
education, legal independence and strict ethics including legally protected  
professional secrecy.
3. That they all together engage themselves to defend, in any circumstances  
and promote the said statuts all over the world.

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4. that considering the seriousness of international situation, and urgent need to give it remedy, they solemnly appeal to governments and intergouvernemental institutions :

that they instantly request them :

. to take the necessary measures to obtain that, everywhere in the world, professional specificity, independence, deontology and secrecy be officialy secured ;

. to make the necessary steps to obtain that " Right to Council " of a professional be acknowledged at the international level and that it take place in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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5. that therefore, facing the challenge of the future, and subject to the disposal of the above mentioned practice conditions, liberal professions are ready to assume their missions of council and assistance at the three - individual, national and international - level ;

that, considering the litigations and conflicts staining the world with blood, they remain at the disposal of human Communities, to propose - in the frame of World Union of Professions, - to communities in trouble, the assistance of their technical knowledge, their experience of dialogue and their independence, free from any political implications, for inquiries or arbitrations, possibly in collaboration with existing international organizations, in order to promote essential principles of toleration, freedom and peace.

Hammamet, 22nd April, 1994.