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IAFL CONDEMNS THE INTRODUCTION OF BRUNEI'S NEW PENAL CODE

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The International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) in conjunction with their Asia-Pacific Chapter condemns the introduction of the Brunei revised penal code, which stipulates the death penalty for offences including adultery and extra marital sexual relations and homosexual acts. The IAFL is an international organisation of over 810 practising lawyers from 57 countries who are recognised by their peers as the most experienced and skilled family law specialists in their respective countries.

The IAFL reaffirms our support of efforts towards ensuring human dignity within all relationships, full equality of the LGBTI community and in issues concerning marriage, families, parenting and ending domestic violence throughout the world.

“There is no place in any penal code to criminalise sexual acts between consenting adults and the cruel and inhuman and degrading punishments contained in the Brunei legislation have no place in any modern legal system.

This legislation is an affront to international human rights and the IAFL strongly condemns its introduction”.

The IAFL joins other international voices to urge the Brunei government to revisit this legislation and to remove these penalties from its statute books.