



## UPDATE N°25 - CAMPAIGN FOR THE RATIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL PROTOCOLS AIMED AT ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

*This document presents the recent evolution of the campaign. This update is published twice a year to give information about the campaign development (status of ratifications, actions taken by the World Coalition and its members) and suggest taking action in target countries.*

*For more details please refer to our website: [www.worldcoalition.org/protocol](http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol)*

As of 20 June 2019, **87** States are parties to the Protocol, and 1 other State (Angola) has signed the Protocol but has not ratified it yet.

### Latest News

**26 February - 1 March 2019:** 7th World Congress against the Death Penalty in Brussels, Belgium. During the Opening Ceremony of the Congress, the **Republic of Congo** and **Guinea** committed to ratifying the **Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR** on the abolition of the death penalty and to supporting the adoption of the draft **Protocol to the African Charter** on human and Peoples' Rights on the abolition of the death penalty.

**13 March 2019:** The Council of Ministers of Angola sent the proposal to the National Assembly for the accession of **Angola** to several international treaties including the **Second Optional protocol to the ICCPR** and the **Convention Against Torture**.

**18 March 2019:** Ratification of **Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR** by the state of **Palestine**.

**April- May 2019:** 33rd session of the UPR **Côte d'Ivoire** accepted the recommendations to ratify **OP2-ICCPR**.

**10 June 2019:** 3 months to **World Day!** This year's theme is: **Children, unseen victims of the death Penalty** <http://www.worldcoalition.org/worldday.html>

In 2019, the targeted protocol is the **Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)** as 15 December 2019 will see the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of its adoption.

### Agenda for June - September 2019:

- **24 June - 12 July:** 41st session of the **Human Rights Council**. Meeting with the Group of Friends of the Protocol, Side event by the International Commission against the Death Penalty on OP2-ICCPR on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- **Philippines:** After the May elections, President Duterte has won the majority at the House of Representatives and at the Senate. A new bill to reinstate the death penalty may be filled again before the end of the year. The next parliamentary session will start end of July.

→ **24-27 September:** UN Treaty Event where the OP2-ICCPR is highlighted [https://treaties.un.org/pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?path=Treaty/Focus/Page1\\_en.xml](https://treaties.un.org/pages/TreatyEvents.aspx?path=Treaty/Focus/Page1_en.xml)



### **Take Action Now!**

We encourage you to send official letters to the following countries:

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① The campaign targets two priority countries a year and ten countries over 5 years. All the tools are available online. For more information on the list of target countries, please read the **ratification kits**: <http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol>

You will find advice and model letters in the **Lobbying Kit** that you may download online:

[www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf](http://www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf)

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