



UPDATE N°24 - 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

As of 10 October 2018, 86 States are parties to the Protocol, and 1 other State has signed the Protocol but has not ratified it yet.

Latest News

- The **Gambia** ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on September 28, 2018 thus becoming the 86th state party to the Protocol to ratify it.
- The **Group of Friends of the Protocol** has two new members! **Australia** and **Canada** have officially joined the group.

Agenda for October 2018-March 2019:

- 08 October – 2 November: 124th session of the **Human Rights Committee** (state report of **Guinea**).
- 19- 26 October: In country mission in The **Gambia**.
- 24 October – 2 November: 63rd session of the **African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**. (State report of **Angola**)
- 5-16 November: 31st session of the **Universal Periodic Review**. (Review of the Republic of **Congo**)
- 3-7 December: 170th session of the **Interamerican Commission on Human Rights**. Thematic hearing on the death penalty.
- 17-21 December: **UNGA** 73rd plenary session. Vote of the **7th resolution for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty**.
- 27 February – 1 March 2019: **7th World Congress Against the Death Penalty** in Brussels, Belgium.

Preventing the reintroduction of the death penalty

The campaign also focuses on the countries that threaten to adopt legislation that would allow for the return of the death penalty, after having ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, such as **Turkey** and the **Philippines**.

The World Coalition monitors the situation in these two countries and follows the UN agenda

- 12 November – 7 December: 65th session **Committee Against Torture**. (list of issues prior to reporting **Philippines** and **Turkey**).



Take Action Now!

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

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i The campaign now targets two priority countries a year and ten countries over 5 years. All the tools have been updated and 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