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Information on Retentionist Countries

Database on the Death Penalty Worldwide

www.deathpenaltyworldwide.org

The database provides detailed and transparent information concerning application of the death penalty in law and in practice in all retentionist countries. It was created by the Center for International Human Rights at the Law School of Northwestern University in partnership with the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

Resources and Tools on the Death Penalty

Resource Center on the Death Penalty

<http://www.worldcoalition.org/resource-center>

The World Coalition's Resource Centre contains over one thousand resources on the death penalty in over 15 languages.

The Actors of Abolition

www.worldcoalition.org/member-organizations

Become a WCADP's Member :

<http://www.worldcoalition.org/become-a-member>

(Open only to organizations who share the objective of the universal abolition of the death penalty)

The Work of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty

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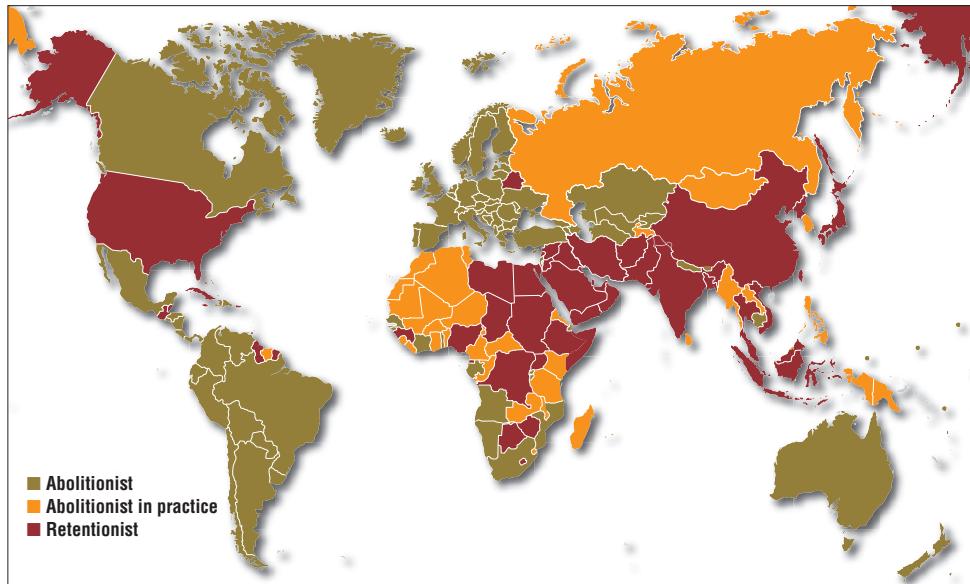


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The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, A Platform for Abolitionists from around the World



History

The participants to the first World Congress Against the Death Penalty, initiated and organized by the French NGO Together Against the Death Penalty, adopted the Strasbourg Declaration on 22 June 2001 in the hemicycle of the Council of Europe.

In paragraph 9, the signatories pledged to “create a world-wide co-ordination of abolitionist associations and campaigners, whose first goal will be to launch a world-wide day for the universal abolition of the death penalty”.

■ The initiative's protagonists met in Rome on 13 May 2002 to create officially the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

Mission

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, an alliance of more than 150 NGOs, bar associations, local authorities and unions, aims at strengthening the international dimension of the fight against the death penalty.

Its ultimate objective is to obtain the universal abolition of the death penalty. The World Coalition gives a global dimension to the sometimes isolated action taken by its members on the ground.

■ It complements their initiatives, while constantly respecting their independence.

Actions

World Day Against the Death Penalty

In 2003, the World Coalition created the first World Day Against the Death Penalty

In 2007, the Council of Europe and the European Union officially recognized the World Day as European Day Against the Death Penalty.

The World Day against the death penalty is aimed at civil society and seeks to educate the public in the arguments for universal abolition of the death penalty.

Campaign for a Universal Moratorium on Executions

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty actively mobilized in favour of adoption of resolution of the United Nations General Assembly for a moratorium on the application of the death penalty starting in 2007

The campaign aims at increasing the support for this resolution, as well as for its implementation.

Ratification Campaign

The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the regional protocols are key tools to reinforcing and securing abolition of the death penalty worldwide.

Firstly the campaign aims to increase the number of ratifications of international and regional protocols to reach a ‘critical mass’.

The Coalition monitors respect for the provisions of the international and regional protocols.

Professional Anti-death Penalty Networks

The World Coalition works with various professional categories engaged in the fight against the death penalty. In particular, they include parliamentarians and criminal lawyers defending prisoners sentenced to death across the world.

