



UPDATE N°3 CAMPAIGN FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE UN PROTOCOL

This document presents the recent evolution of the campaign. This update will be published every other month to give information about the campaign development (status of ratifications, actions taken by the World Coalition and its members) and suggest taking action in the target countries.

For more details please refer to our website: <http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol>

As of 1 February 2009, 72 States are parties to the Protocol, and 3 States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

Kyrgyzstan's Parliament passed a law for the ratification of the Protocol on February 11, 2010. The country is expected to formally accede to the Protocol in the coming weeks.

'Friends of the Protocol' (countries officially supporting the campaign):

- Belgium
- Chile
- France
- Spain
- Switzerland

Actions taken in December 2009 and January 2010

Lobbying target countries:

- A letter was sent to the President of **Poland** following a meeting with the Human Rights Counselor of the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva.
- Meeting with representatives of **Kazakhstan** during the 7th session of the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council.

Lobbying with International Organizations:

- The WCADP attended the Universal Periodic Review of **El Salvador** and **Kazakhstan**. Most Friends of the Protocol have followed the WCADP's recommendations and have asked those target countries to ratify the Protocol.
- Report from the WCADP submitted to the Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review of **Armenia** and **Kyrgyzstan**.
- Report from the WCADP submitted to the Human Rights Committee for the review of **Poland**.
- Presentation of the campaign to human rights delegates in the **European Union** member states at the COHOM meeting in January 2010.



Act now!

Target Countries for February and March 2010:

- [Kazakhstan](#)
- [Poland](#)

We encourage you to send letters *to their embassy in your country*. You will find advice and model letters in the [Lobbying Kit](#).

You may download them online:

<http://www.worldcoalition.org/modules/news/article.php?storyid=94>.

Agenda for February and March 2010:

- **24 -26 February:** 4th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, Geneva, Switzerland
- **1 – 26 March:** Human Rights Council, United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Adoption of the UPR reports of Ivory Coast and Dominican Republic, Geneva, Switzerland.
- **8 – 26 March:** Human Rights Committee, Review of Poland, New York, USA