



## UPDATE OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE UN PROTOCOL

*This document presents the recent evolution of the campaign, prior to its launch. 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.*

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<http://www.worldcoalition.org/modules/news/article.php?storyid=96>

As of 15 October 2009, 72 States are parties to the Protocol, and 3 States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

### **New Accession :**

- Brazil acceded with a reservation to the Protocol on 25 September 2009

### **Launch of the campaign in Geneva:**

- Launch of the campaign on Wednesday 21 October at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- The event was attended by 25 participants including 3 ambassadors, the President of the Human Rights Committee and members of the World Coalition
- For more information, read the full report of the launch.

### **Members' Lobbying:**

- PRI distributed the campaign toolkit during an OSCE event (ODIHR meeting in Warsaw, Poland).

### **Lobbying with Human Rights Institutions:**

- List of issues for El Salvador was submitted to the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations in view of the review of the 4<sup>th</sup> Periodical Review of El Salvador.
- Report from the WCADP submitted to the Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review of Kazakhstan and El Salvador.
- Campaign documents handed over to representatives of Latvia, Armenia, Poland and Kazakhstan during the September session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France



### **Act now!**

Target Countries: **El Salvador** and **Latvia**

We encourage you to send letters to their government and to their embassy in your country. You will find advice and model letters in the [Lobbying Kit](#). You may download them online:

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