



UPDATE N°12 - 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 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: www.worldcoalition.org/protocol

As of 1st September 2013, 77 States are parties to the Protocol, and 4 States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

Ratifications in 2013

- **Poland:** On 27 August 2013, the Polish president signed into law the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and of Protocol 13 to the European Convention for Human Rights. The Sejm, Polish Parliament, had passed a bill for the ratifications earlier that month. The Polish authorities still have to deposit the instruments of ratification to the UN and Council of Europe.
- **Bolivia:** on 12 July 2013, Bolivia acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. In June 2013, a bill was also passed on the ratification of the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty, but Bolivia still has to deposit the instruments of ratification to the Organisation of American States.
- **Latvia:** on 19 April 2013, Latvia acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. Latvia had ratified Protocol 13 to the European Convention for Human Rights on 5 January 2012.

New official support to the campaign

The World Coalition received an official letter of support from the **International Commission against the Death Penalty**.

Actions taken in May-August 2013

- Letters sent to **Bolivia** and **Burundi**
- UPR Submissions sent to the UN about **Dominican Republic, Cambodia** and **Côte d'Ivoire**
- Follow-up on UPR recommendations made to **Benin, Liberia** and **Mongolia**



Take Action Now!

For September and October 2013, we encourage you to send official letters to the following countries, in relation with World Day dedicated to the Greater Caribbean:

→ El Salvador

Sr. Presidente Carlos Mauricio FUNES
Cartagena
Presidente de la República de El Salvador
Alameda Dr. Manuel Enrique Araujo, No. 5500
San Salvador
El Salvador

S. E. Sr. Jaime Alfredo MIRANDA
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores
Calle El Pedregal, Blvd. Cancillería.
Ciudad Merliot
Antiguo Cuscatlan
El Salvador

→ Dominican Republic

Sr. Presidente Danilo MEDINA Sanchez
Presidente de la República Dominicana
Palacio Nacional de la Presidencia,
Av. México esq. Doctor Delgado,
Distrito Nacional
República Dominicana

S.E. Sr. Carlos Morales Troncoso
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores
Av. Independencia no.752, Estancia San
Geronimo
Santo Domingo
República Dominicana

You will find advice and model letters in the **Lobbying Kit** that you may download online:
www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf

 All the tools are now available in Arabic and Spanish!

Agenda for September and October 2013:

- 9 - 27 September 2013: 24th session of the UN **Human Rights Council** – report on **Cambodia**
- 23 September 2013 - 4 October 2013: Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) – report on **Poland** and **Armenia**
- 14 October 2013 - 1 November 2013: 109th session of the **Human Rights Committee** – list of issues for **Burundi**
- 21 October - 1 November 2013: 17th session of the UN **Universal Periodic Review**
- 22 October - 5 November 2013: 54th session of the **African Commission on Human and People's Rights**
- 28 October-22 November 2013: 51st session of the **Committee Against Torture**