



## UPDATE N°13 - 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](http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol)*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013, 78 States are parties to the Protocol, and 4 other States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

### Ratifications in 2013

- **Guinea Bissau:** on 24 September 2013, Guinea Bissau ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, 13 years after it signed it (12 September 2000).
- **Angola:** on 24 September 2013, Angola signed the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
- **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.

### Actions taken in September-October 2013

- **Poland** announced to the Human Rights Council in September that it had ratified OP2-ICCPR and P13-ECHR
- UPR Submissions sent to the UN about **Cote d'Ivoire**
- Follow-up on UPR recommendations for **Latvia**
- Information sent to the UN Human Rights Committee about **Burundi's** list of issues
- The Human Rights Committee congratulated **Latvia** and **Bolivia** for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR during its 109<sup>th</sup> session
- Statements delivered by members of the World Coalition during the **OSCE** and the **African Commission on Human and People's Rights** meetings, encouraging all states to ratify
- Letters were sent to all target governments and missions in Geneva on World Day



## Take Action Now!

For November and December 2013, we encourage you to send official letters to the following countries:

### → Armenia

**Mr.Serzh Sargs**  
**President of Armenia**  
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Armenia

**H.E.Mr.Eduard Nalbandian**  
**Minister of Foreign Relations**  
Government House,2 Republic Square  
0010 Yerevan  
Armenia  
[info@armeniaforeignminister.com](mailto:info@armeniaforeignminister.com)

### → Samoa

**H.E.Mr.Tui Atua Tupua Tupuola Efi**  
**Head of State**  
Office of the Head of State  
Motootua  
Samoa  
[http://www.head-of-state-samoa.ws/pages/contact\\_us.html](http://www.head-of-state-samoa.ws/pages/contact_us.html)

**Hon Prime Minister Malielegaoi**  
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You will find advice and model letters in the **Lobbying Kit** that you may download online:  
[www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf](http://www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf)

## Agenda for November and December 2013:

- 22 October - 5 November 2013: 54<sup>th</sup> session of the **African Commission on Human and People's Rights**
- 28 October - 22 November 2013: 51<sup>st</sup> session of the **Committee Against Torture**
- Mission to **Cote d'Ivoire** organised by FIACAT in November