

THE INHUMANITY OF THE DEATH PENALTY

9th World Day against the Death Penalty

AN APPEAL FOR A WORLDWIDE MORATORIUM ON THE DEATH PENALTY

We, the undersigned, in recognition of the five million people who signed the moratorium petition that was handled to the United Nations' General Assembly in 2007, petition promoted by the Community of Sant'Egidio in collaboration with Amnesty International and other organizations all over the world, renew the call for a worldwide moratorium on sentences and executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty worldwide in the belief that this penalty is inhumane:

- Whatever the method of execution, there is no human way to kill
- Whatever the country, death row is inhumane
- Whatever the length, awaiting death dehumanizes people sentenced to death and their relatives

We welcome the strong progress already made towards a global end to capital punishment and acknowledge that 139 nations have abolished the death penalty in law or practice.

For the 4th vote of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, we, the undersigned, call on all retentionist states to establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing this inhumane penalty!

Please return this petition before 10 September 2012:

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The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty brings together over 120 bar associations, trade unions, local governments and non-governmental organizations. It aims at strengthening the international dimension of the fight against the death penalty and contributing to putting an end to death sentences and executions. In 2003, the World Coalition established the World Day against the Death Penalty on 10 October.