



UPDATE N°10 - CAMPAIGN FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE UN PROTOCOL TO ABOLISH 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 1 March 2012, 73 States are parties to the Protocol, and 3 States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

Latest Developments

- **Dominican Republic:** ratification of the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to abolish the death penalty on 27 January 2012.
- **Latvia:** abolition of the death penalty for all crimes, including in times of war on 1st December 2011 and ratification of the Protocol 13 to the European Convention for Human Rights on 5 January 2012.
- **Mongolia:** the Parliament voted in favour of the ratification of the UN Protocol to abolish the death penalty on 5 January 2012.
- **Benin:** on 19 August 2011, the National Assembly of Benin voted in favour of ratifying the UN Protocol.

The third year of campaign

Early 2012, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty made an evaluation of the first two years of advocacy campaign for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to clarify its strategy for the years to come. All the tools have then been updated and a new list of target countries has been established (worldcoalition.org/protocol).

Actions taken late 2011 and Early 2012

Lobbying Target Countries:

- **In-country missions:** 7 delegations made of members of the World Coalition visited **Dominican Republic, Bolivia, El Salvador, Armenia, Latvia, Ivory Coast** and **Cambodia**
- Letters sent to **Dominican Republic** and **Latvia** to congratulate them for the ratification of the regional Protocols and to encourage them to ratify the UN Protocol.

Lobbying of International Organizations:

- During the 50th session of the **African Commission on Human and People's Rights**, the Commission asked **Burundi** to ratify the UN Protocol.
- Report on **Poland** sent to the UN Human Rights Council for the May 2012 **Universal Periodic Review**.



Take Action Now!

For March and April 2012, we encourage you to send official letters to the following countries :

→ Benin

S.E. M. Boni Yayi
Président du Bénin
Palais Présidentiel
La Marina
Cotonou
Benin

S.E. M. Jean-Marie EHOZOU
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→ Mongolia

H.E. Mr. Elbegdorj Tsakhia
President of Mongolia.
State Palace
Ulaanbaatar 12
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H.E.Mr. Gombojav ZANDANSHATAR
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Peace Ave - 7a,
Ulaanbaatar 14210
Mongolia

You will find advice and model letters in the **Lobbying Kit** that you may download online:
<http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol>

Agenda for March and April 2012:

- **27 February-23 March 2012:** 19th session of the UN **Human Rights Council**.
Presentation of the Special Rapporteur on Torture and on the Independent expert on **Ivory Coast**.
- **12 -30 March:** 104th session of the UN **Human Rights Committee** during which **Dominican Republic's** human right situation will be discussed
- **18 April – 2 May:** 51st session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Banjul, Gambia.