



UPDATE N°11 - 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 May 2013, 76 States are parties to the Protocol, and 4 States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

Latest ratifications: all of them by countries targeted by the campaign!

- **Bolivia:** on 17 April 2013, Bolivia promulgated Law N°358 for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
- **Latvia:** on 19 April 2013, Latvia acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. Latvia ratified Protocol 13 to the European Convention for Human Rights on 5 January 2012.
- **Madagascar:** on 24 September 2012, Madagascar signed the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
- **Benin:** on 5 July 2012, Benin acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
- **Mongolia:** on 13 March 2012, Mongolia acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

The fourth year of campaign

Early 2013, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty made an evaluation of the ratification campaign 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). The second phase of the ratification campaign will therefore not only focus on the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights but also on regional protocols. The campaign has thus been renamed "Campaign for the Ratification of International and Regional Protocols Aimed at Abolition of the Death Penalty".

Actions taken in 2013

Lobbying Target Countries:

- **Translation of the tools in Spanish and Arabic** to facilitate the involvement of member organisations and local partners in this campaign, including for Morocco.

Lobbying of International Organizations:

- 53th session of the **African Commission on Human and People's Rights:** joint statement asking member states to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
- 107th session of the **Human Rights Committee:** Participation to **Angola's** review.
- During its 50th session, the **Committee Against Torture** congratulated **Bolivia** for the promulgation of Law N°358 and recommended that Bolivia deposit the instrument of ratification to the UN Secretary General promptly.



Take Action Now!

For May and June 2013, we encourage you to send official letters to the following countries :

→ Bolivia

H. E. Mr. Evo MORALES AYMA
Presidente del Estado Plurinacional de
Bolivia

Calle Ayacucho Esquina Comercio s/n
Palacio de Gobierno
La Paz
Bolivia

H. E. Mr. David Choquehuanca
Céspedes
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores y
Cultos

Plaza Murillo - c. Ingavi esq. c. Junín
La Paz
Bolivia

→ Burundi


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S.E. M. Laurent KAVAKURE
Ministre des Relations Extérieures et
de la Coopération Internationale

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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

 All the tools have been updated and they are now available in Arabic and Spanish!

Agenda for May and June 2013:

- **27 May-14 June 2013:** 23rd session of the UN **Human Rights Council**. Adoption of the UPR report for Burundi, presentation of the Special Rapporteur on Executions and on the Independent expert on **Ivory Coast**.
- **12 – 15 June:** 5th World Congress against the Death Penalty, Madrid, Spain