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  
*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 Merlot  
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](http://www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf)

All the tools are now available in Arabic and Spanish!

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**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