



UPDATE N°14 - 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

2014: 25th anniversary of the UN Protocol

This year, on 15 December 2014, will be the 25th anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. We are currently planning a series of events to celebrate it, and if you would like to join us or share some ideas, please let us know.

This year is crucial to reach our goal of 10 ratifications since the official launch of the ratification campaign five years ago. **We need your support, this year more than ever, to reach our goal of 82 States parties, with four additional ratifications in 2014!**

Progress made in the past two years

As of 1st January 2014, 78 States are parties to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, and 4 other States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet:

- Guinea-Bissau: ratification on 24 September 2013
- Angola: signature on 24 September 2013
- Bolivia: accession on 12 July 2013
- Latvia: accession on 19 April 2013
- Madagascar: signature on 24 September 2012
- Benin: accession on 5 July 2012
- Mongolia: accession on 13 March 2012

- Dominican Republic ratified the Protocol to the American Convention for Human rights on 27 January 2012

- Latvia ratified Protocol No. 13 to the European Convention for Human Rights on 5 January 2012

Actions taken in November - December 2013

- Lobbying mission organised by FIACAT and ACAT Côte d'Ivoire in Abidjan, **Cote d'Ivoire** from 18 – 21 November 2013. Côte d'Ivoire will have its UPR in May 2014.
- The UN Human Rights Committee asked in its list of issues whether **Burundi** intended to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. Burundi's review will take place in October 2014.
- Letters sent by members of the World Coalition to **Armenia** and **Samoa**



Take Action Now!

For January and February 2014, we encourage you to send official letters to a new target country: Togo.


→ Togo


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 For more information, please read the **ratification kit for Togo**:
www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/Togo-EN.pdf

 You will also 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 the list of target countries for 2014 is now available online: www.worldcoalition.org/protocol

Agenda for January and February 2014:

- 13-14 January : Conference on the abolition and moratorium of the death penalty in West Africa organised by Hands Off Cain in partnership with the government of Sierra Leone and with support from the World Coalition, the European Union and FIACAT. Representatives from **Togo** and **Liberia** will attend the conference.
- 27 January – 7 February 2014: 18th session of the **Universal Periodic Review**: the report of **Cambodia** and **the Dominican Republic** will be examined