This document presents the recent evolution of the campaign. This update is published twice a year to give information about the campaign development (status of ratifications, actions taken by the World Coalition and its members) and suggest taking action in target countries.
For more details please refer to our website: www.worldcoalition.org/protocol

As of 16 October 2017, 85 States are parties to the Protocol, and 2 other States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

Latest Ratifications

- **Madagascar**: ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on 21 September 2017.
- **Gambia**: signature of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on 20 September 2017 after the Adama Barrow, President of The Gambia, delivered a speech at the UNGA in New York, in which he reaffirms the “New Gambia’s” commitment to human rights. A communiqué from the President's office later stated that "The Gambia will now work to move from signing to ratification and domestication of the signed treaties, to make them effectively in the country". The Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Baboucarr Tambadou, had declared on 23 March 2017 that he wanted the death penalty abolished in The Gambia.

Actions taken in 2017

- March 2017: meeting with the “Friends of the Protocol” during the Human Rights Council
- 1-12 May: during the 27th session of the UPR, Morocco rejected the recommendations to ratify the OP2-ICCPR.
- 22-24 June 2017: International conference on the death penalty on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the World Coalition, in Washington DC. The conference included several workshops, namely one on the UN mechanisms, namely the UPR.
- October 2017: In country-mission to Morocco to identify to causes of the rejection of the UPR recommendation to ratify when it had accepted to consider it in 2012.
- Haiti accepted the recommendations regarding the ratification of OP2-ICCPR in the addendum.
- Report sent to the Human Rights Committee on the Draft General Comment on Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in partnership with The Advocates for Human rights and FIACAT.
- Internal Evaluation of the Ratification campaign, which will be reoriented to adapt to the new context.
Take Action Now!
We encourage you to send official letters to the following countries:

➔ Cote d’Ivoire
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Ministre des Affaires étrangères
Abidjan, Plateau, Bd Agoulevant
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➔ S.E.M. Sansan KAMBILE
Garde des sceaux et Ministre des
Droits de l’Homme et des Libertés Publiques
Imm. Symphonie - Rue du commerce
face galeries Peyrissac (ex-CNA), Abijan,
plateau, 2e étage
Côte d’Ivoire
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The campaign now targets two priority countries a year and ten countries over 5 years, with a specific focus on one country every six months. All the tools have been updated and are available online.

For more information on the list of target countries, please read the **ratification kits**:
http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol

You will find advice and model letters in the **Lobbying Kit** that you may download online:
www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf

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**Agenda for November 2017-March 2018:**

➔ 16 October -10 November: 121st session of the Human Rights Committee.

➔ 1-15 November: 61st session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights in Banjul, the Gambia.

➔ 6-17 November: 28th session of the UPR.

➔ 6 November – 6 December: 62nd session of the Committee Against Torture.

➔ In country missions to Armenia and Samoa, as well as to Angola and Congo coordinated by the WCADP in partnership with the Working Group on the Death penalty of the ACHPR.