



UPDATE N°6 - 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: <http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol>

As of 1 March 2011, 73 States are parties to the Protocol, and 3 States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

The launch of the second year of campaign

On 10 January 2011, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty launched a second year of advocacy campaign for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol. On that occasion, nearly 300 letters were sent to members of the Coalition to target countries, Friends of the Protocol to countries and international organizations.

New official support to the campaign

On 10 February, the World Coalition received an official letter of support from the International Commission against the death penalty, which states: *"ICDP will raise firmly the issue of the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol whenever the possibility arises in its contacts with governments of the relevant countries."*

As a reminder, the Friends of the Protocol countries (which are officially supporting the campaign) are: Belgium, Chile, Spain, France and Switzerland.

Actions conducted in January and February 2011

Lobbying Target Countries:

- Meeting with representatives of the Dominican Republic during the Steering Committee meeting of the World Coalition in Puerto Rico in February.

Lobbying of International Organizations:

- Contact made with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to discuss common strategies for the ratification of the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty in American countries, including Salvador and the Dominican Republic.
- Contact made with the Council of Europe to discuss common strategies for the ratification of Protocol 13 to the European Convention on Human Rights in European countries.
- Report on Latvia sent to the UN Human Rights Council for the May 2011 Universal Periodic Review.



Take Action Now!

For March and April 2011, we encourage you to send official letters to:

→ Armenia

H. E. Mr. Serzh Sargsian
President of Armenia
26 Marshal Baghramian Avenue
0077 Yerevan
Armenia

H. E. Mr. Eduard Nalbandian
Minister of Foreign Relations
Government House
2, Republic Square
0010 Yerevan
Armenia

→ Poland

H. E. Mr. Radosław Sikorski
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Al. J. Ch. Szucha 23
00-580 Warsaw
Poland

H. E. Mr. Bronisław Komorowski
President of the Republic of Poland
Presidential Palace Warsaw
Poland

You will find advice and model letters in the [Lobbying Kit](http://www.worldcoalition.org/modules/news/article.php?storyid=94) that you may download online:
<http://www.worldcoalition.org/modules/news/article.php?storyid=94>.

You may also write to:

If you have not done so already, we encourage you to write an official letter to:

→ Dominican Republic

H. E. Mr. Carlos Morales Troncoso
Secretary of State for Foreign Relations
Av. Independencia no.752,
Estancia San Geronimo, Santo Domingo
República Dominicana

H. E. Mr. Leonel Fernandez Reyna
Presidente de la República Dominicana
Ministerio de la Presidencia,
Palacio Nacional de la Presidencia,
Av. México esq. Doctor Delgado,
Distrito Nacional
República Dominicana

→ El Salvador

H. E. Mr. Carlos Mauricio Funes Cartagena
Presidente de la República de El Salvador
Alameda Dr. Manuel Enrique Araujo, No. 5500
San Salvador
El Salvador

H. E. Mr. Carlos Morales Troncoso
Secretary of State for Foreign Relations
H. E. Mr. Hugo Roger Martinez Bonilla
Minister of Foreign Relations
Calle El Pedregal, Blvd. Cancillería
Ciudad Merliot, Antiguo Cuscatlan
El Salvador

Agenda for March and April 2011:

- 28 February - 25 March: 16th session of the United Nations' Human Rights Council. Adoption of the UPR report of Liberia and report of the Independent Expert on Human Rights in Burundi, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 28 February - 25 March: 101st Session of the Human Rights Committee. Adoption of the list of questions for the Dominican Republic, New York, USA.
- 11-15 April: Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.