



## UPDATE N°23 - 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 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](http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol)*

As of 6 March 2018, 85 States are parties to the Protocol, and 2 other States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

### Latest News

In 2017, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty conducted the fourth internal evaluation of the ratification campaign. The main result of the campaign is the increase in the number of ratifications of international and regional protocols.

The campaign's new target is for at least ten UN member States to ratify the Second Optional Protocol within 5 years, with two priority countries per year. The target countries are: **Angola, Armenia, Cambodia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Haiti, Morocco, Samoa and Suriname.**

In addition to the target countries, the World Coalition will also target a specific protocol each year, according to an established calendar. The targeted protocol for this year is the Draft Protocol to the African Charter.

### Agenda for March-September 2018:

- 12 March-6 April: 122<sup>nd</sup> session of the **Human Rights Committee** (adoption of the list of issues of **Guinea**).
- 29 March: Deadline for the written contribution to the **UPR** of **Congo**.
- 9-10 April: **Regional Congress on the abolition of the death penalty** in Abidjan, **Côte d'Ivoire**. The ratification of OP2-ICCPR and the adoption of the African protocol by the African Union will be high on the agenda.
- In country missions in **Armenia, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire** and **Samoa** in April 2018.
- 25 April – 9 May: 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the **African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights** in Nouakchott, Mauritania.
- 18 June - 6 July: 38<sup>th</sup> session of the **Human Rights Council**: side event for the launch of the report on Women on death row by the Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide and the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, sponsored by Norway.
- 2-27 July: 123<sup>rd</sup> session of the **Human Rights Committee** (adoption of the list of issues of **Angola**).

- 12 July: Deadline for the written contribution to the **UPR** of **Cambodia**
- 20 September: Deadline for the written contribution to the **UPR** of **Côte d'Ivoire**



### Take Action Now!

We encourage you to send official letters to the following countries:

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 The campaign now targets two priority countries a year and ten countries over 5 years. 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](http://www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf)