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Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: ICDP welcomes Marc Bossuyt and Marzuki Darusman as its new Commissioners

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) warmly welcomes Baron Marc Bossuyt and Mr. Marzuki Darusman as its new Commissioners.

“I am very happy that Baron Marc Bossuyt and Marzuki Darusman are joining the members of the ICDP in our fight to attain the global abolition of the death penalty. Baron Marc Bossuyt is emeritus professor of International Law of the University of Antwerp, a Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He is also a former Judge and President of the Belgian Constitutional Court and a former Chairperson of the UN Commission and the UN-Sub-Commission on Human Rights. As the author of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, adopted on 15 December 1989 by the UN General Assembly, he has contributed significantly to the worldwide abolition of the death penalty. He is a referent when talking about the fundamental right to life and ICDP has had the chance to already collaborate with him in a number of missions and activities. I believe that he will continue to contribute significantly to the death penalty abolitionist movement in all regions in the world as a fellow Member of the Commission,” said ICDP President Mr. Federico Mayor.

“I am also very pleased to welcome Mr. Marzuki Darusman. He was assigned as Chair of the UN Secretary General's Panel of Experts on Sri Lanka and he is also former UN Secretary General's Special Rapporteur for North Korea. As the former Attorney General of Indonesia, Darusman led a wide-ranging corruption investigation of former President Suharto, family and associates, and he prosecuted cases of corruption, mass murder, and human rights abuses. He is a fervent defender of the abolition of the capital punishment and a respected voice in the South-East Asia region. I join my fellow Members of the Commission in welcoming him,” added ICDP President Mr. Federico Mayor.

They will become the 18th and 19th Commissioners of the ICDP, which was founded in Madrid in October 2010 and that it is now established as a non-profit Association under Spanish law.



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ICDP Commissioners are persons of high international standing from all regions of the world who act with total independence and neutrality and work under its President Mr. Federico Mayor.

ICDP opposes the death penalty under any circumstances believing that it violates the right to life enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Commission promotes the abolition of capital punishment in law in those states that observe a de facto moratorium on the use of the death penalty and promotes moratoriums on executions in states that rarely use the death penalty.

In States that continue to carry out executions, ICDP urges strict adherence to international standards. ICDP works with the United Nations and other international and regional organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations to further the abolition of capital punishment worldwide.

The work of ICDP is supported by a diverse group of 18 States from all regions of the world that are committed to the abolition of the death penalty. Its secretariat is based in Madrid.

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