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**Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty
on the Execution of Humberto Leal García**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) strongly condemns the execution of the Mexican national Humberto Leal García that was carried out on 7 July 2011 by the State of Texas after a decision of the Supreme Court of 5 votes against 4. The execution went ahead despite the unanimous calls from countries in the world, International Organizations and NGOs urging for the commutation of his death sentence.

The execution of Mr. Humberto Leal García is a clear violation of international law because it constitutes a clear breach of the *Avena* Judgement by the International Court of Justice, as he was sentenced to death without having been informed about his right to seek consular assistance required by Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations to which the USA is a State Party.

Taking into consideration the illegality of the execution of Mr. Humberto Leal García, ICDP sent a letter to Governor Rick Perry urging him to commute the death penalty.

ICDP deeply regrets the execution of Humberto Leal García, and reiterates that it will continue to work with other actors to prevent the execution of those other Mexican nationals affected by the *Avena* Judgement of the ICJ until US Congress enacted the respective legislation which will ensure the implementation of the judgement.

Yours respectfully,

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President of the International Commission
against the Death Penalty