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**Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty:
Death of Mr. Rodolfo Mattarollo, ICDP Commissioner**

It is with great sadness that the International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) announces the passing away, on 18 June, of ICDP Commissioner Rodolfo Mattarollo.

Mr. Mattarollo was one of the founding Commissioners of the ICDP when it was established in October 2010. He was, until February 2014, Ambassador and a representative of Technical Secretariat of UNASUR in Haiti and a former Deputy Secretary for Human Rights in Argentina.

Commissioner Mattarollo was well respected as a staunch, passionate, committed defender of human rights and democracy, and the abolition of the death penalty was a cause he himself held dear.

It was a great honor to have Mr. Mattarollo among the members of ICDP. We shall miss him deeply. Our thoughts are with his family.

Federico Mayor
President of the International Commission
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Background

ICDP was founded in Madrid in October 2010. ICDP is composed of 15 personalities 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. ICDP 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 non-governmental organizations to further the abolition of capital punishment worldwide.

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