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**Statement by the
International Commission against the Death Penalty
on Mongolian Parliament's vote in favour of ratifying the Second
Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political
Rights**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) welcomes the approval of a bill by the Mongolian Parliament to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

More than two thirds of all countries have abolished the death penalty in law or practice. The majority of executions take place in the Asia-Pacific region.

ICDP believes that the death penalty violates the right to life proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and should not be applied in any circumstances. Furthermore, there is no conclusive evidence that use of death has any deterrent effect.

Having decided to ratify the 2nd Optional Protocol, ICDP urges the Mongolian Parliament to take immediate steps to remove death penalty provisions from the Criminal Code and thereby eradicate the death penalty from its national law for all crimes.

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