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**Statement by the
International Commission against the Death Penalty
on Pablo Ibar, Florida, USA**

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Pablo Ibar has been on death row in Florida State Prison for almost 12 years. He was convicted of a triple murder in 1994 despite serious concerns about the quality of the evidence linking him to the crime and poor legal representation at his trial.

Pablo Ibar has both Spanish and US citizenship.

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) opposes the imposition of the death penalty in all situations. 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. ICDP also recalls that there exists no evidence which confirms the deterrent effect of the death penalty.

There is a clear global trend away from capital punishment as evidenced by UN General Assembly resolutions calling for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty as a step towards abolition. More than two thirds of all states have now abolished the death penalty in law or practice. ICDP urges the state of Florida to introduce an immediate moratorium on executions pending a review of the use of the death penalty.

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