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**Statement by the
International Commission against the Death Penalty
on the Imminent Execution of Manuel Valle
in Florida, United States of America**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) expresses its deep concern on the imminent execution of Mr. Manuel Valle, sentenced to death in 1978 for murdering a police officer.

While ICDP opposes the death penalty under any circumstances, ICDP is deeply concerned about this particular case. Mr. Valle has spent 33 years on death row now which means he has endured extremely hard conditions.

ICDP has been informed that Mr. Valle's date of execution has been rescheduled for 28 September. However, Mr. Valle has still not had access to a meaningful and transparent clemency procedure. ICDP also recalls that there exists no evidence which confirms the deterrent effect of the death penalty.

ICDP urges the authorities of Florida to grant Mr. Manuel Valle a clemency process to which anyone sentenced to death is entitled to according to International Law, in particular, Article 6 (4) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to commute his death sentence to terms of imprisonment.

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