



CELEBRATING WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY, 10 OCTOBER 2013

Panel discussion: Parliamentarians, a critical force in promoting the abolition of the death penalty

Geneva International Conference Center (CICG), Geneva (Switzerland), 10 October 2013

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

	MORNING SESSION	CHAIR
9 a.m.	Registration of participants and distribution of documents	
9:30 a.m.	INAUGURAL SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome address by Mr. Federico Mayor, President of the International Commission against the Death Penalty, ICDP- Welcome address by Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, IPU- Introduction of participants	
10 a.m.	Coffee break	
10:15 a.m.	SESSION I: OVERVIEW OF THE DEATH PENALTY WORLDWIDE; WHY ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY <u>Presenter:</u> Mr Federico Mayor STEPS AND TOOLS TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY (Case studies from ICDP report “How States abolish the death penalty”, April 2013) <u>Presenter:</u> Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Member of ICDP, Former President of the Swiss Confederation Discussion	
noon	SESSION II: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ACHIEVING ABOLITION <u>Presenter:</u> Baroness Vivien Stern, Member of Parliament, Chair of the All-Party Group on the abolition of the Death Penalty (United Kingdom) Discussion	
1 p.m.	Lunch	



AFTERNOON SESSION

CHAIR

2:30 p.m.

SESSION III: PARLIAMENTARY INITIATIVES TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY: THE CASES OF MOROCCO AND KAZAKHSTAN

Presenters:

- Ms. Nouzha Skalli, Member of Parliament, Deputy Coordinator of the parliamentary network against the death penalty, former Minister of Family (Morocco)
- Ms. Aigul Solovyeva or Ms. Svetlana F. Bychkova, MP (Kazakhstan)

Discussion

4 p.m.

SESSION IV: ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY - LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE

Presenter: Mr. Robert Badinter, Member of ICDP, Former Minister of Justice (France)

Discussion

5 p.m.

SESSION V: GAUGING PEOPLE'S VIEWS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY: RESULTS OF A PRI OPINION POLL IN BELARUS

Presenter: Ms. Vika Sergeyeva, Regional Director of Penal Reform International for Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Discussion

5:45 p.m.

SUMMING UP AND CONCLUSIONS

6 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION
