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Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: Indonesia resumes executions

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) condemns the execution by firing squad of Adami Wilson on 14 March 2013. This was Indonesia's first execution since November 2008.

"Indonesia had previously indicated that it was moving away from the death penalty and so this execution is very regrettable," said Mr. Federico Mayor, President of ICDP.

Adami Wilson, reported to be a Nigerian national, was arrested in 2003 for the trafficking of 1kg of heroin and sentenced to death in 2004.

There are reportedly more than 130 people on death row in Indonesia, mostly for drug-related crimes. About one-third of those on death row are foreign nationals.

"The execution of Mr. Wilson raises the possibility of further executions. It also risks undermining Indonesia's efforts to secure clemency for its nationals under sentence of death abroad", said Mr. Federico Mayor.

Once widely used, the death penalty is now largely abandoned. According to the United Nations, some 150 countries from all regions in the world and cultures have abolished capital punishment or no longer execute. These nations have accepted that state killing is wrong and fails to deter crime.

ICDP calls on the Indonesian authorities to commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment and declare an official moratorium on executions in line with the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions adopted in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012.

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BACKGROUND

ICDP was founded in Madrid in October 2010. ICDP is composed of 14 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 nongovernmental organizations to further the abolition of capital punishment worldwide.

The work of the ICDP is supported by a diverse group of 16 states from all regions of the world that are committed to abolition of the death penalty. Its secretariat is based in Geneva.