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Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: ICDP welcomes former Governor Martin O'Malley as its new Commissioner

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) warmly welcomes former Governor of the US state of Maryland Martin O'Malley as its new Commissioner.

"It is my great pleasure to welcome Governor O'Malley as a Commissioner of the ICDP and in our struggle to achieve worldwide abolition of the death penalty.

"I am very happy to announce Martin O'Malley as a fellow Commissioner at ICDP, noting that he played a key role in abolishing the death penalty by showing political leadership when he signed in 2013, in his capacity as Governor of Maryland, the state's death penalty repeal bill into law. By doing so, Maryland became the 18th state in the USA to abolish capital punishment. Later, in December 2014, before he finished his term as Governor, he commuted the sentences of the four men who were under sentence of death in Maryland to life without parole.

"I believe that Governor O'Malley's highly respected experience and deep commitment showing leadership in the abolition of capital punishment will add immense value to our Commission in our endeavours, our fight for a world free of capital punishment. I join my fellow Commissioners in warmly welcoming Martin O'Malley to the Commission and we look forward to working with him," said ICDP President Judge Navi Pillay.

Background

ICDP Commissioners are persons of high international standing from all regions of the world who act with total independence and neutrality and work under its President Judge Navi Pillay.

The Commission opposes the death penalty under any circumstances believing that it violates the right to life enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Commission 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.

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 Commission is supported by a diverse group of 23 Member-States from all regions of the world that are committed to the abolition of the death penalty. Its secretariat is based in Madrid.