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## Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: ICDP receives the 2020 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe in Lisbon

On 9 December 2021, the International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) will receive the prestigious 2020 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe. The award ceremony will be held at the Sala do Senado, Palácio de São Bento, Lisbon. ICDP will be represented by Commissioner Marta Santos Pais in person with a video message from President Judge Navi Pillay. ICDP accepts this award with gratitude from the jury of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe.

For ICDP, the award is a timely recognition of the incredible work of our 24 Commissioners under the Presidency of Judge Navi Pillay, our Support Group comprising of 23 Member-States and the Secretariat on our tenth anniversary.

ICDP received the news of the award on 14 December 2020, and we consider it a privilege to be sharing this award with the Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change. The North-South Prize is awarded by the European Centre for global interdependence and solidarity, more commonly known as the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, which is based in Lisbon.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our allies and friends in the death penalty abolitionist movement. As we receive this honour, ICDP renews its commitment to the objective of a world free of the death penalty.

### Background

Composed of 24 Commissioners of high international standing representing all regions of the world, ICDP acts with total independence under the leadership of President Judge Navi Pillay.

The Commission promotes the abolition of capital punishment in law in states that observe a de facto moratorium on the use of the death penalty and promotes moratoriums on executions in states that retain capital punishment. ICDP works with the United Nations and other international and regional organizations, governments, and nongovernmental organizations to advocate for worldwide abolition of the death penalty.

The work of ICDP is supported by a geographically diverse group of 23 Member-States who are committed to the abolition of the death penalty. Its Secretariat is based in Madrid and is responsible for the day-to-day work of the Commission.