



Round Table on lessons learned from national experiences in the global campaign for a universal abolition of death penalty

Friday, 24 June 2022, 13:15-14:45 CET
InterContinental Hotel Geneve

Background

To further encourage abolishing the death penalty throughout the world, it is essential to share good practices from national, regional and international perspectives.

Objective

Reaffirming that all States must implement their obligations under international human rights law, and recalling the Human Rights Council resolution 48/9 of 8 October 2021 on the question of the death penalty, the round table offers an opportunity to directly engage with the countries, most of whom are death penalty abolitionist or are moving away from the death penalty and/or have made the international commitments to abolish death penalty by becoming State Party or State Signatory to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. As the panelists share the good practices, both on national and regional level, particular focus will be given to the countries of Central Asia and Mongolia, which have the potential to become the first region free of the death penalty.

Moreover, discussion will highlight the activities of the International Commission against the Death Penalty¹ that works with the United Nations and other international and regional organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations to advance the abolition of capital punishments worldwide.

¹ The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) is comprised of 24 Commissioners, who are former Heads of State, Heads of Government, Cabinet Ministers, senior UN officials, international judges, professors, under the Presidency of Judge Navi Pillay, the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The activities of the Commission are supported by its Support Group which is composed of 23 Member-States from all regions of the world. Kazakhstan is a founding Member-State of ICDP's Support Group.

The event would also be an opportunity to address important questions raised in the Human Rights Council resolution 48/9, such as the issue of incompatibility of the use of the death penalty with international human rights obligations.

AGENDA

Host remarks Ambassador Yerlan Alimbayev, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva (3 min);

Remarks by ICDP Vice President Madam Ruth Dreifuss (3 min);

Speakers (3 min each)

- Permanent Representative of Switzerland Mr. Jürg Lauber
- Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone Mr. Lansana Gberie
- Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan Mr. Atageldi Haljanov

Open discussion and Q&A (30 min)

Closing remarks by Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan Yerlan Alimbayev (2 min).

The panel discussion will be followed by a lunch reception.

Venue: InterContinental Hotel Geneve, Chem. du Petit-Saconnex 7-9, 1209

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