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Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: Adoption of the ninth UNGA resolution on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or the Commission) welcomes the adoption of the ninth United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty (UNGA moratorium resolution), which was supported by a record number of 125 countries on 15 December 2022 at the UNGA plenary session. 37 countries voted against the UNGA moratorium resolution while 22 abstained.

“I join ICDP Commissioners in welcoming the adoption of the 2022 UNGA moratorium resolution with the unprecedented support of a vast majority of UN Member States. This vote signals the unstoppable trend towards global abolition of the death penalty, as more states continue to establish moratoria and repeal capital punishment around the world.

“Since the adoption of the 2020 moratorium resolution, five countries have abolished the death penalty: Sierra Leone, Kazakhstan, Papua New Guinea, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea, and reports suggest that the Zambian Parliament has voted in favour of abolishing the death penalty on 13 December. It is our hope that this resolution will encourage more states to move away from the death penalty and strengthen their commitment to the most fundamental human right: the right to life,” said ICDP President Navi Pillay.

ICDP notes that four countries voted in favour of the resolution for the first time: Ghana, Liberia, Myanmar and Uganda.

International commitments are key in enabling countries to move away from the death penalty. As such, the Commission will continue to assist states in supporting initiatives against the death penalty at the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as ratify international treaties that strengthen their commitment to abolition.

Background

Composed of 24 Commissioners of high international standing following highly respected careers in public service and representing all regions of the world, the International Commission against the Death Penalty acts with total independence. The Commission promotes the abolition of capital punishment in law in countries that observe a de facto moratorium on the use of the death penalty and promotes moratoriums on executions in states that retain capital punishment.



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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 Support Group of 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.



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