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Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: ICDP warmly welcomes Barbara Lochbihler as a new Commissioner

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) is delighted to announce the appointment of Barbara Lochbihler as its newest Commissioner.

Ms. Lochbihler, a German national, brings with her a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to human rights advocacy. She is currently a member of the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances. Earlier, Ms Lochbihler was a well-respected Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights when she was a Member of the European Parliament, and she had leadership roles at Amnesty International Germany and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

"We are honored to welcome Barbara Lochbihler to the Commission," said ICDP President Judge Navi Pillay. "Her unwavering commitment to human rights, as reflected by her highly regarded work at the UN, as a parliamentarian, as an advocate and activist, and leading respected organizations, will undoubtedly strengthen our efforts in consolidating our advocacy for the universal abolition of the death penalty."

Background

The International Commission against the Death Penalty is composed of 24 Commissioners of high international standing from all parts of the world, under the leadership of President Navanethem (Navi) Pillay, the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

ICDP's work is supported by a group of 24 Member States from all regions of the world. Its Secretariat is based in Madrid, Spain, and is responsible for the day-to-day work of the Commission.

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 advocates for a moratorium 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.



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