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**Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty:
XIX Meeting of Commissioners and General Assembly**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) held its XIX Annual Meeting of Commissioners (Meeting) and related meetings between 19 and 21 May 2024 in Madrid.

The Meeting of Commissioners and the General Assembly was held, in hybrid format, on 20 May at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation. During the Meeting, ICDP Commissioners, who participated in-person and online from Asia, Africa and the USA, deliberated on the activities, which included specific initiatives and missions, by the Commission since the XVIII Annual Meeting, which was held on 4 - 5 June 2023 in Geneva. They celebrated ICDP being awarded the prestigious René Cassin Human Rights Award by the Spanish province of Pays Vasco in December 2023, which was very timely noting that it was the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Commissioners discussed the financial situation of the Commission, including the budget and audit report, and subsequently adopted the documents. The Commissioners then engaged in detailed discussions and decided on the continuation of some of the activities, while identifying new opportunities in the form of upcoming projects, thus defining the Action Plan for 2024 – 2025, until the next Meeting of Commissioners.

Following the Meeting of Commissioners, ICDP's General Assembly was held in the afternoon of 20 May, also in hybrid format. The meeting was attended by representatives of ICDP's Support Group Member States, to whom the Commissioners, led by President Pillay, reported on ICDP's activities and the decisions made during the Meeting of Commissioners. The representatives of the Support Group Member States also highlighted their activities underlining their firm commitment with ICDP in its unique role of progressively achieving worldwide the abolition of the death penalty.

On 21 May, ICDP Commissioners, led by President Pillay, had an [audience with the King of Spain His Majesty Felipe VI](#). During the [audience](#), ICDP Commissioners and King Felipe VI discussed issues related to the death penalty, ICDP's activities. King Felipe VI expressed his commitment and support, as reflected by Spain, in ICDP's work in engaging with countries and in various themes with the goal of achieving a world free of the death penalty.



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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 under the leadership of President 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 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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