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**Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: Missions to US state of Ohio, South Korea and Rome**

ICDP conducted missions to the US state of Ohio from 19 to 20 November 2024; to Seoul, South Korea from 21 to 26 November and to Rome from 27 to 30 November.

During the mission to Columbus, Ohio, an ICDP delegation led by Commissioners Dannel Malloy, former Governor of Connecticut, Enda Kenny, former Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland, and staff from the ICDP Secretariat, held meetings with Governor Mike DeWine, with Senate President Matt Huffman, Senators and Members of the Congress of the Ohio legislature, and with key representatives of civil society organizations to discuss issues related to the death penalty in the state.

In Seoul, South Korea, an ICDP delegation led Commissioner Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, former President of the Philippines, and staff from the ICDP Secretariat held meetings with Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, and key representatives from important human rights civil society organizations including the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, and diplomatic missions of the ICDP Support Group.

In Rome, Italy, an ICDP delegation led by Commissioner Sylvie Kayitesi and staff from the ICDP Secretariat participated in the 14th International Congress of Ministers of Justice, titled "No Justice Without Life," organized by Community Sant'Egidio. The delegation had open and constructive meetings with Ministers of Justice from Africa and Asia and with diplomats from ICDP Support Group including Italy and Switzerland.

**Background**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty is currently composed of 26 Commissioners of high international standing following highly respected careers in public service. The Commission acts with total independence under the leadership of President Judge Navi Pillay. The work of ICDP is supported by its Support Group of 24 Member States who are committed to the abolition of the death penalty. Both ICDP's Commissioners and Member States of its Support Group come from all regions of the world. ICDP's Secretariat is based in Madrid and is responsible for the day-to-day work of the Commission.

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.



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