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The Advocates for Human Rights (The Advocates) is a volunteer-based nongovernmental organization committed to the impartial promotion and protection of international human rights standards and the rule of law. Established in 1983, The Advocates conducts a range of programs to promote human rights in the United States and around the world, including monitoring and fact finding, direct legal representation, education and training, and publications. In 1991, The Advocates adopted a formal commitment to oppose the death penalty worldwide and organized a Death Penalty Project to provide pro bono assistance on post-conviction appeals, as well as education and advocacy to end capital punishment. The Advocates currently holds a seat on the Steering Committee of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, an alliance of more than 150 NGOs, bar associations, local authorities and unions, was created in Rome on 13 May 2002. The aim of the World Coalition is to strengthen the international dimension of the fight against the death penalty. Its ultimate objective is to obtain the universal abolition of the death penalty. To achieve its goal, the World Coalition advocates for a definitive end to death sentences and executions in those countries where the death penalty is in force. In some countries, it is seeking to obtain a reduction in the use of capital punishment as a first step towards abolition.

The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan and not-for-profit human rights organization in Uganda established in 1991. The organization seeks to enhance knowledge, respect and observance of human rights and promotes exchange of information and best practices through training, education, research, legislative advocacy and strategic partnerships. FHRI has observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, is a member of the World Coalition against the death penalty and is affiliated to the International Federation of Human Rights Defenders (FIDH). FHRI has since 1994 spearheaded the campaign for the abolition of the death penalty in Uganda including filing the landmark case that led to the abolition of mandatory death sentences. It currently holds a seat on the Steering Committee of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is a dynamic network of over 1,300 individual Legislators in 142 Parliaments around the world committed to protecting fundamental human rights. PGA's Vision is to contribute to the creation of a rules-based international order for a more equitable, safe and democratic world. As a non-profit, non-partisan international network of committed legislators, it is PGA's Mission to inform and mobilize parliamentarians in all regions of the world to advocate for human rights and the rule of law, democracy, human security, non-discrimination, and gender equality. PGA does so through its strategy of bringing together parliamentarians with key stakeholders, including civil society and international organizations, across sectors; equipping legislators with relevant knowledge and expertise; and achieves immediate impact and longer-term national implementation on programs and initiatives in support of the mission.