



ARMENIA
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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.

Death penalty and ratification of international treaties

1. Armenia is an abolitionist country for all crimes and has never carried out any executions.
2. Article 15 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, states “Everyone shall have the right to life. No one may be sentenced or subjected to the death penalty.”
3. Armenia is the only country in the world that has ratified Protocol No. 6 and signed Protocol No. 13 to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms but has neither signed nor ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (OP2-ICCPR).
4. Armenia has co-sponsored and voted in favor of all 7 UNGA resolutions for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.
5. Armenia participated to the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council in 2010 and 2015 and was recommended to sign and ratify the OP2-ICCPR. Armenia welcomed those recommendations, supporting them in 2010 and supporting them partially in 2015.
6. The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty calls on Armenia to ratify OP2-ICCPR.