

Created in Rome in May 2002, the World Coalition against the death penalty brings together NGOs, Bar associations, unions, local communities, and all the organizations that wish to coordinate their international efforts in the struggle against the death penalty.

Steering committee members:

- Amnesty International
- Conférence Internationale des Barreaux
- Community of Sant'Egidio
- Death Penalty Focus California
- Ensemble contre la peine de mort
- International Federation of Human Rights Leagues
- Fédération Syndicale Unitaire
- International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture
- City of Matera
- Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights
- Observatoire Marocain des Prisons
- National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
- Paris Bar
- Penal Reform International
- Tuscany

Other founding members:

- American Friends Service Committee
- Center for Prisoner's Rights
- City of Braine l'Alleud
- City of Reggio Emilia
- City of Venice
- Coalition for Truth and Justice
- Collectif Unitaire National de Soutien à Mumia Abu-Jamal
- Comitato 3 Luglio 1849
- Comitato Paul Rougeau
- Conseil Général de l'Isère & Mairie de Grenoble
- CURE - Missouri & Journey of Hope
- Forum 90 Japan
- Italian Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
- Lifespark
- Ligue des Droits de l'Homme
- Mothers Against the Death Penalty
- Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples
- Movement for People's Rights
- Murders Victims Families for Reconciliation
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- People of Faith Against the Death Penalty
- Rights and Democracy
- Texas Coalition to abolish the death penalty
- World Organisation against Torture

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OCTOBER 10TH 2005
WORLD DAY
AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

**APPEAL FOR THE ABOLITION
OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN AFRICA***
**Addressed to the African Heads of State
and Government**

Africa is on its way to universal abolition of the death penalty. Of the 53 countries on the continent, 12 have permanently abolished the death penalty, and 14 other countries have not executed anyone for more than 10 years. Thus a majority of African countries have abandoned using this cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

We call upon you to use all available means in order to extend abolition of the death penalty to the whole continent, by supporting an immediate end to the few executions still practised and the commutation of all death sentences, by securing the abolition of the death penalty under each national legislation, by ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and by furthering and supporting initiatives in this direction by the African Union and the United Nations.

Following the example of values espoused by Nelson Mandela, of the Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone which exclude capital punishment for perpetrators of the most serious crimes and remembering that several African countries have never applied the death penalty, we believe that the moment has come for all of Africa to incorporate the right to life into the national penal code of each African country by abolishing the death penalty.

We call upon you to respond to this appeal delivered on the occasion of the World Day against the death penalty, October 10 2005.

THANK YOU FOR RETURNING BEFORE OCTOBER 20TH, 2005
For the World Day, from all over the world, please sign this appeal to say no to the death penalty. Thank you for returning before October 20th, 2005,

- **EITHER by signing on the internet www.worldcoalition.org**
- **EITHER by sending the signatures to the Coalition :**
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- **OR by sending them to the address below:**



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