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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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(OPENING SESSION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS ROOM, PALAIS  
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### Wednesday 24 February

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**8.30-9.30 • Palais des Nations**

**Welcoming**

**9.30-12.00 • Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room, Palais des Nations**

**Opening session**

- Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of the United Nations office at Geneva
- Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan, General Manager of Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort

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- Micheline Calmy Rey, Federal Councilor and Head of the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Abdou Diouf, Secretary General of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)
- Yayi Boni, President of Benin
- José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Head of the Spanish government, state holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU)

### **Interlude**

- Robert Badinter, former Minister of Justice who abolished the death penalty in France, Senator
- Bianca Jagger, Council of Europe Goodwill Ambassador
- Ibrahim Najjar, Minister of Justice, Lebanon
- Jonas Gahr Støre, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Stefaan De Clerck, Minister of Justice, Belgium
- Enzo Scotti, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy
- Representative of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP)

**12.00-14.00**

**Lunch break and transfer to the CICC**

**14.00-16.30 • CICC**

### **Plenary session 1**

- **International and Regional Organizations: commitments to abolition of the death penalty.**  
How to strengthen cooperation between UNO, other Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to create common and effective strategies for abolition.
- Representatives of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty
- Kyung-Wha Kang, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)\*
- Lady Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the EU\*
- Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Reine Alapini-Gansou, President of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) of the African Union (AU)\*
- Ambassador Janez Lenarcic, director OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- Diego García-Sayán, President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights\*
- Philip Alston, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
- Taleb Al Saqqaf, Rapporteur of the Human Rights expert committee of the Arab League
- Rafendi Djamin, Representative of Indonesia to the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights\*

Chair: Ruth Dreiffuss, former member of the Swiss Federal Council, Switzerland\*

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Moderator: Maurice Possley, Journalist, USA

### 17.00-18.30 • CICG

#### Roundtables

- **Racial, ethnic, and social bias in the death penalty: are political and social commitments to equality effective tools for abolition?** (Death Penalty Focus (DPF) and Ensemble contre la peine de mort (ECPM))  
Introduction by Robert R. Bryan, National Lawyers Guild, USA, in collaboration with the Collectif Unitaire national de soutien à Mumia Abu-Jamal
- Kamran Arif, Lawyer, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
- Nabeel Rajab, President of the Bahrain Center for Human rights
- Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative, USA

Chair: Michael Radelet, Professor, University of Colorado, USA

- **Protecting vulnerable groups from death penalty : juveniles and those with mental health issues** (Hands Off Cain and ECPM)
- Nazanin Afshin-Jam, President and co-founder of Stop Child Executions, Canada
- Jim Ellis, Lawyer, Professor, University of New Mexico, USA
- Mohammad Mostafaei, Lawyer, Iran
- James Welsh, Health and Human Rights Coordinator, Amnesty international\*

Chair: Marco Perduca, Senator, Hands Off Cain, Italy

### 17.15-18.30 • CICG

#### Workshops

- **Elaborating arguments to convince public opinion**
- Joaquín José Martínez, Former sentenced to death, cleared and released in the USA, Spain
- Bill Pelke, President and Cofounder of Journey of Hope...from Violence to Healing, USA\*

Moderator: Bissane El-Cheik, journalist at Al Hayat, Lebanon

- **Defining strategies for abolition**
- Hsin-yi Lin, Executive Director, Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty (TAEDP)
- Ogarit Younan, President of the University for non-violence and Human Rights in the Arab World, Liban

Moderator: Odjitan Djoutoungona, journalist at FM-Liberté, Chad

## Thursday 25 February

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### 9.00-10.30 • CICG

#### Roundtables

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- **Violence, victims and death penalty : how to respond to violence and compensate victims without the death penalty** (Fédération Internationale des Ligues des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH) et Murder Victim's Families for Human Rights (MVFHR))

- Renny Cushing, Executive Director, MVFHR, USA
- Masaharu Harada, member of MVFHR, Japon
- Guissou Jahangiri, Executive Director, Armanshahr Foundation, Afghanistan
- Sari Nusseibeh, President of the Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
- Mariana Peña, FIDH permanent representative at the International Criminal Court

Chair: Florence Bellivier, Secretary General, FIDH

- **Religions and death penalty, opportunities and/or obstacles** (Comunità di Sant' Egidio)

- Ahmed Abbadi, Secretary General of the Rabitta Mohammadia of Oulémas \*
- Danthong Breen, Chairperson of the Union for Civil Liberty, Thailand
- Marc Raphaël Guedj, Former Chief Rabbi of Geneva, Switzerland
- Révérend Olav Fykse Tveit President of the World Council of Churches\*
- Siti Musdah Mulia, muslim woman theologian, Indonesia

Chair: Mario Marazziti, Comunità di Sant' Egidio

### 9.15-10.30 • CICG

#### Workshops

- **Coalitions development**

- Amina Bouayach, President of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights, Morocco
- Aurélie Plaçais, Campaigns Officer, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, France

Moderator: Thomas H. Speedy Rice, Professor of Practice, Transnational Law Institute, USA

#### Debate with political cartoonists (in partnership with Cartooning for Peace)

- Patrick Chappatte, cartoonist, Switzerland
- Jeff Danzinger, cartoonist, USA
- Ali Dilem, cartoonist, Algeria\*
- Damien Glez, cartoonist, Burkina-Faso
- Norio Yamanoi, cartoonist, Japan

### 10.45-12.15

#### Round tables

- **Law Enforcement views on the death penalty** (Death Penalty focus (DPF) and ECPM)
- James Abbott, Chief of Police Department, New Jersey, USA
- Pierre Akele, President of the High-Military Court, DRC
- Vito Monetti, Deputy Prosecutor General of the Supreme Court of Cassation, President of MEDEL, Italy

Chair: Elizabeth Zitrin, Attorney, Death Penalty Focus, USA

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- **Tools and strategies for death penalty abolition in Middle East and North Africa** (Penal Reform International (PRI) and ECPM)
  - Nizam Assaf, Coordinator of the Arab Coalition Against Death Penalty
  - Miloud Brahimi, Lawyer, Algeria
  - Ahmed Karaoud, Head of Office Middle East and North Africa, Amnesty International, Lebanon
  - Mohammed Abdullah Radhi, Iraqi Center for human Rights and Democracy Studies
  - Nisreen Zreikat, Lawyer, Head of Criminal Justice Unit at the National Center for Human Rights, Jordan

Chair: Taghreed Jaber, Regional Director of Penal Reform International's Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, Jordan

### 11.00-12.15

#### Workshops

- **Abolitionists States' advocacy**
  - Thomas C. Greminger, Head of Political Affairs Division IV, Human Security, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
  - Rafael Valle Garagorri, Ambassador in special mission, National Coordinator against the death penalty, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain\*

Moderator: Ghania Mouffok, journalist at Algérie News and El Djazaïr News, Algeria

- **Promoting abolition through academic research and collaboration**
  - Luis Arroyo Zapatero, Director of the European Institute of European and International law, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
  - Sandra Babcock, Professor, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University Law School, USA

Moderator: Alvaro Corcuera Ortíz de Guinea, journalist at El País, Spain\*

### 12.15-14.00

#### Lunch break and posters session

### 14.00-16.30 • CICG

#### Plenary session 2

- **Next challenges for universal abolition: the examples of USA, Japan, China and Iran**
  - Keiko Chiba, Minister of Justice, Japan\*
  - Shirin Ebadi, Iranian Lawyer, 2003 Peace Nobel Prize
  - Roger Hood, Professor Emeritus of Criminology, University of Oxford, UK
  - Tianyong Jiang, Chinese Lawyer\*
  - Karim Lahidji, President of the Iranian Human Rights League and Vice-President of FIDH
  - Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico State, USA\*

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- Maiko Tagusari, Lawyer, Center for Prisoner's Rights (CPR), Japan
- John Van de Kamp, former Attorney General of the State of California and District Attorney of Los Angeles, Chair of the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice, USA
- Renate Wohlwend, Rapporteur on death penalty of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Liechtenstein

Chair: Eric Bernard, Lawyer, ECPM Board member

Moderator: Stéphane Bussard, Journalist, Le Temps, Switzerland

**17.00-18.30**

### **Round tables**

- **Sub-Saharan Africa, from moratorium to abolition in law** (FIACAT, ACAT France & Switzerland)
- Sidiki Kaba, Senegalese Lawyer, President of Honor, FIDH
- Sylvie Kayitesi, President of the death penalty workgroup of the ACHPR
- Lievin Ngondji, President of Culture pour la Paix et la Justice (CPJ), DRC
- Johnson Byabashaija, General Commissioner of Prisons, Uganda

Chair: Lucienne Zoma, Chairperson of ACAT-Burkina Faso and member of FIACAT International Board

- **Asia, the legal road to moratorium and abolition** (Amnesty International)
- Hsin-yi Lin, Executive Director, Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty (TAEDP)
- Kim Hyoung-tae, Lawyer, South Korea
- Rachland Nashidik, Executive Director of Imparsial, Indonesia
- Sun Zhongwei, Lawyer, Beijing Death Penalty Defence Lawyers Network, China

Chair: Bikramjeet Batra, Lawyer, Campaigner for Amnesty international, India

**17.15-18.30**

### **Workshops**

- **Partnership NGOs-European Union for abolition**
- Raffaella Della Porta, EuropeAid, Belgium\*
- David Sellwood, EC Project Coordinator, Reprieve, United Kingdom

Moderator: Guillaume Parent, Former coordinator of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, France

- **Online communication strategies**
- Simon Shepherd, Founder and Director of Death Watch International, United Kingdom
- Yang Hengjun, blogger, China

Moderator: Thomas Hubert, Journalist, France

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## Friday 26 February

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### 9.00-10.30 • CICG

#### Roundtables

- **Access to a competent counsel in capital cases: how lawyers can make the difference between life and death?** (ECPM)
  - Parvais Jabbar, Lawyer, Co-director of Death Penalty Project, UK
  - Robin Maher, Lawyer, Director of the American Bar Association (ABA) Death Penalty Representation Project
  - Caroline Muchuma, Coordinator of the Death Penalty project, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda
  - Navkiran Singh, Lawyer, Secretary General of Lawyers For Human Rights International (LFHRI), India
  - Maiko Tagusari, Lawyer, Center for Prisoner's Rights (CPR), Japan

Chair: Richard Sédillot, Lawyer, ECPM Board member

- **The Caribbean: the continued danger of escalating executions** (Puerto Rico Bar Association (PRBA) and ECPM)
  - Piers Bannister, Death Penalty Coordinator, Amnesty International
  - Carmelo Campos Cruz, Spokesperson, Puerto Rican Coalition Against Death Penalty
  - Saul Lehrfreund, co-director of the Death Penalty Project, UK
  - Douglas Mendes SC, Constitutional and Human Rights lawyer, Trinidad
  - Justice Adrian Saunders, judge at the Caribbean Court of Justice\*

Chair: Juan Matos-de Juan, Chairman of the committee against the death penalty, Puerto Rico Bar Association

### 9.15-10.30 • CICG

#### Workshop

- **Sharing educational tools**
  - Jean-Christophe Victor, author of a weekly TV programme dealing with international relations, *Le dessous des cartes* (Beneath the Maps)

Moderator: Jean-Pierre Dubois, President of the Human Rights League\*

- **Mobilizing target groups (members of parliament, judges, law enforcement...)**
  - Ali Brahim, Bouira deputy, National Popular Assembly, Algeria
  - Merius Rusumo, Judge at the Constitutional, Burundi
  - Raphaël Nyabirungu Mwene Songa, Professor and Parliamentarian Assembly Deputy, DRC

Moderator: Shirley Pouget, Jurist, International Bar Association

**11.00-13.00 • CICG**

**Solemn ceremony**

- Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights at the Council of Europe
- Shirin Ebadi, Iranian lawyer, 2003 Peace Nobel Prize
- Sister Helen Prejean, Catholic American, high figure in the fight for abolition in the USA
- Ahmed Herzenni, President of the Advisory Council on Human Rights (CCDH), Morocco
- Emma Bonino, Vice President of the Senate, Italy
- Emadeddin Baghi, Association for the Right to Live, Iran\*
- Robert Badinter, former Minister of Justice who abolished the death penalty in France, Senator Representative of ECPM/WCADP

**13.30**

**Final march from the CICG and abolitionist gathering on the United Nations Square**