This document presents the recent evolution of the campaign. This update is published twice a year to give information about the campaign development (status of ratifications, actions taken by the World Coalition and its members) and suggest taking action in target countries. 
For more details please refer to our website: www.worldcoalition.org/protocol

As of 6 March 2018, 85 States are parties to the Protocol, and 2 other States have signed the Protocol but have not ratified it yet.

**Latest News**

In 2017, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty conducted the fourth internal evaluation of the ratification campaign. The main result of the campaign is the increase in the number of ratifications of international and regional protocols.

The campaign’s new target is for at least ten UN member States to ratify the Second Optional Protocol within 5 years, with two priority countries per year. The target countries are: Angola, Armenia, Cambodia, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Haiti, Morocco, Samoa and Suriname.

In addition to the target countries, the World Coalition will also target a specific protocol each year, according to an established calendar. The targeted protocol for this year is the Draft Protocol to the African Charter.

**Agenda for March-September 2018:**

- 12 March-6 April: 122nd session of the Human Rights Committee (adoption of the list of issues of Guinea).
- 29 March: Deadline for the written contribution to the UPR of Congo.
- 9-10 April: Regional Congress on the abolition of the death penalty in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. The ratification of OP2-ICCPR and the adoption of the African protocol by the African Union will be high on the agenda.
- In country missions in Armenia, Angola, Côte d’Ivoire and Samoa in April 2018.
- 2-27 July: 123rd session of the Human Rights Committee (adoption of the list of issues of Angola).
→ 12 July: Deadline for the written contribution to the UPR of Cambodia
→ 20 September: Deadline for the written contribution to the UPR of Côte d'Ivoire

Take Action Now!

We encourage you to send official letters to the following countries:

→ **Cote d'Ivoire**
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The campaign now targets two priority countries a year and ten countries over 5 years. All the tools have been updated and are available online.

For more information on the list of target countries, please read the ratification kits: http://www.worldcoalition.org/protocol

You will find advice and model letters in the Lobbying Kit that you may download online: www.worldcoalition.org/media/resourcecenter/KitLobbyingMembresWCADP-EN.pdf