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— CONTRE LA PEINE DE MORT —

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WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

PRESS CONFERENCE –
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COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE PUERTO RICO

PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday 4 October 2007, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, in collaboration with the Puerto Rican Coalition Against the Death Penalty will hold a press conference at the Colegio de Abogados in Miramar, Puerto Rico. This event will focus on calling on all UN Member States to vote in support of the UN resolution for a universal moratorium on executions. It will also launch the celebrations of the World Day Against the Death Penalty.

Several representatives from the abolitionist movement from the Caribbean region will take part to the press conference. Among them: **Carmen Hernandez**, President of the National Association of criminal Defense Lawyers, **Edgardo Román Espada** and **Oswaldo Burgos**, Coordinators for the Puerto Rican Coalition Against the Death Penalty. Together, they will give an overview of the situation regarding the death penalty in the Caribbean, encouraging the States to vote in favor of a worldwide moratorium on executions, which will be debated at the United Nations 62nd General Assembly in November.

If adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, a global moratorium on executions would imply a particularly strong moral force and a very significant step towards worldwide abolition.

Three other press conferences will be held in three other countries to commemorate the World Day Against the Death Penalty during the month of October. These are: Morocco, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Portugal, culminating with an event in New York (USA) on October 10th, World Day Against the Death Penalty.

A petition signed by more than five million people across the world will be presented by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty to the United Nations General Assembly on October 25th. The petition calls for a moratorium on executions and abolition of capital punishment.

To date, 131 countries have abolished capital punishment in law and/or in practice. Recent countries to commit to the abolition of the death penalty include Rwanda, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mexico, the Philippines, Turkey and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Approximately 100 States are expected to vote in favour of a moratorium on executions at the United Nations General Assembly. Although the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty is hopeful that a moratorium on the death penalty will be adopted, this is not a time for complacency.

In some parts of the world the struggle for abolition is more critical than ever. Last year 1,591 prisoners were executed. The top offending countries which account for 91% of these executions are China, the United States, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Sudan (source: Amnesty International).

The World Coalition today invites all governments to come together in support of a world without executions and to contribute to strengthening human dignity and participation in the progress of human rights. It asks the Member States of the United Nations General Assembly to overwhelmingly approve an international moratorium on executions.

THE WORLD COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty was created in Rome on 13 May 2002 and is composed of NGOs, bar associations, local authorities and trade unions. It aims to strengthen the international dimension of the struggle against the death penalty and to contribute to bringing a definitive end to death sentences and executions. The World Coalition particularly endeavours to facilitate the creation or development of national coalitions against the death penalty. The Puerto Rican Coalition Against Death Penalty was created early in 2005 and since January 2006 has joined the World Coalition's efforts.

10 October has been established as the World Day Against the Death Penalty since 2003. This totally decentralised event, which has particular presence in countries where the death penalty is still applied, invites citizens and organisations who want to say 'NO' to the death penalty to organise their own events on 10 October.

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