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UN Committee Against Torture

65th Session (12 November 2018 – 07 December 2018)

MALDIVES

In view of the 65th Session of the Committee Against Torture, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP), would like to communicate several points concerning the situation of the death penalty in the Maldives for the consideration of the state report.

Death penalty

1. The last execution in the Maldives took place in 1954.ⁱ
2. 18 people were on death row in the Maldives at the end of 2017 and four of them are believed to have been under 18 at the time of the offense.ⁱⁱ
3. After the elections in September 2018, Amnesty International has called on the new government to abolish the death penalty.ⁱⁱⁱ
3. The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty recommends that the Maldives:
 - abolish the death penalty for all crimes in its legislation;
 - commute the death sentences of all people on death row; and
 - ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on the abolition of the death penalty.

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP) gathers over 150 members: human rights organizations, professional associations and local authorities on the five continents who have united to campaign for the universal abolition of the death penalty. It was founded in 2002 in Rome. Its actions include the World Day Against the Death Penalty, a ratification campaign of the United Nations Protocol aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and a campaign for the implementation of the UNGA moratorium resolution.

ⁱ <http://www.deathpenaltyworldwide.org/country-search-post.cfm?country=Maldives®ion=&method=>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA2970072017ENGLISH.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/09/maldives-new-government-must-break-with-repressive-past/>