

Situation on the death penalty in the world

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Country	Status	Year of abolition (either for ordinary crimes, either for all crimes)	Date of Last Execution	UNGA Vote 2007 Resolution 62/149	UNGA Vote 2008 Resolution 63/168	UNGA Vote 2010 Resolution 65/206	UNGA Vote 2012 Resolution 67/176	UNGA Vote 2014 Resolution 69/186	Verbale Note UN 2008	Verbale Note UN 2009	Verbale Note UN 2011	Verbale Note UN 2013
Afghanistan	Retentionist		2012	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Albania	Abolitionist for all crimes	2007	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Algeria	Abolitionist in practice		1993	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Andorra	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	1943	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Angola	Abolitionist for all crimes	1992	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Antigua Barbuda	Retentionist		Not known	N	N	N	Absent	N	X		X	X
Argentina	Abolitionist for all crimes	2008	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Armenia	Abolitionist for all crimes	2003	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Australia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1985	1967	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Austria	Abolitionist for all crimes	1968	1950	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Azerbaijan	Abolitionist for all crimes	1998	1993	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Bahamas	Retentionist		2000	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	
Bahrain	Retentionist		2008	N	A	A	N	A	X	X	X	X
Bangladesh	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Barbados	Retentionist		1984	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Belarus	Retentionist		2012	A	A	A	A	A				
Belgium	Abolitionist for all crimes	1996	1950	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Belize	Retentionist		1985	N	N	N	N	N				
Benin	Abolitionist in practice		1987	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y				
Bhutan	Abolitionist for all crimes	2004	1964	A	A	Y	Y	Y				
Bolivia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1997	1974	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Bosnia Herzegovina	Abolitionist for all crimes	2001	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Botswana	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Brazil	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	1979	1855	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brunei dar-Sala	Abolitionist in practice		1957	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X

Bulgaria	Abolitionist for all crimes	1998	1989	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Burkina Faso	Abolitionist in practice		1988	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Burundi	Abolitionist for all crimes	2009	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Cambodia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1989	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Cameroon	Abolitionist in practice		1997	A	A	A	A	A				
Canada	Abolitionist for all crimes	1998	1962	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Cape Verde	Abolitionist for all crimes	1981	1835	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Central African Republic	Abolitionist in practice		1981	A	A	A	Y	Y	X	X	X	
Chad	Retentionist		2003	N	Absent	Absent	Y	Y		X	X	X
Chile	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	2001	1985	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
China	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Colombia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1910	1909	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Comoros	Retentionist		1997	N	N	A	A	A	X	X		
Congo	Abolitionist in practice		1982	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Costa Rica	Abolitionist for all crimes	1877	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Cote d'Ivoire	Abolitionist for all crimes	2000	Not known	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y				
Croatia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	1987	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Cuba	Retentionist		2003	A	A	A	A	A				
Cyprus	Abolitionist for all crimes	2002	1962	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Czech Republic	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Dem Rp Korea	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Dem Rp Congo	Retentionist		2003	A	Absent	A	A	A			X	
Denmark	Abolitionist for all crimes	1978	1950	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Djibouti	Abolitionist for all crimes	1995	ndence no e	A	A	A	A	A				
Dominica	Retentionist		1986	N	N	A	N	N	X	X	X	
Dominican Republic	Abolitionist for all crimes	1966	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Ecuador	Abolitionist for all crimes	1906	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Egypt	Retentionist		2011	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
El Salvador	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	1983	1973	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Equatorial Guinea	Retentionist		2010	A	Absent	Absent	Absent	Y	X	X	X	X
Eritrea	Abolitionist in practice		1989	A	A	A	A	Y	X	X	X	X
Estonia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1998	1991	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Ethiopia	Retentionist		2007	N	Y	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Fiji	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	1979	1964	A	A	A	A	Y	X	X		
Finland	Abolitionist for all crimes	1972	1944	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
France	Abolitionist for all crimes	1981	1977	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Gabon	Abolitionist for all crimes	2010	1985	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Gambia	Retentionist		2012	A	A	Y	Absent	A		X		
Georgia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1997	1994	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Germany	Abolitionist for all crimes	1987	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Ghana	Abolitionist in practice		1993	A	A	A	Absent	A				
Greece	Abolitionist for all crimes	2004	1972	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Grenada	Abolitionist in practice		1978	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Guatemala	Retentionist		2000	Y	A	Y	Y	Y				
Guinea	Retentionist		2001	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	
Guinea Bissau	Abolitionist for all crimes	1993	1986	Absent	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Guyana	Retentionist		1997	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Haiti	Abolitionist for all crimes	1987	1972	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Honduras	Abolitionist for all crimes	1956	1940	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Hungary	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	1988	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Iceland	Abolitionist for all crimes	1928	1830	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
India	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N				X
Indonesia	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	A	A	X	X	X	
Iran	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Iraq	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Ireland	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	1954	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Israel	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	1954	1962	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Italy	Abolitionist for all crimes	1994	1947	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jamaica	Retentionist		1988	N	N	N	N	N	X		X	X
Japan	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X			
Jordan	Retentionist		2006	N	A	A	A	A	X			
Kazakhstan	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	2007	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Kenya	Abolitionist in practice		1987	A	A	A	A	A				
Kiribati	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Ind.	Y	Absent	Y	Absent	Y				
Kuwait	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Kyrgyzstan	Abolitionist for all crimes	2007	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Laos	Abolitionist in practice		1989	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	X
Latvia	Abolitionist for all crimes	2012	1996	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Lebanon	Retentionist		2004	A	A	A	A	A				
Lesotho	Retentionist		1995	A	A	A	A	Absent				
Liberia	Abolitionist in practice		2000	A	A	A	A	A				
Libya	Retentionist		2010	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Liechtenstein	Abolitionist for all crimes	1987	1785	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Lithuania	Abolitionist for all crimes	1998	1995	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Luxembourg	Abolitionist for all crimes	1979	1949	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Macedonia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1991	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Madagascar	Abolitionist in practice		1958	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Malawi	Abolitionist in practice		1992	A	A	A	A	A				
Malaysia	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Maldives	Abolitionist in practice		1952	N	N	Y	A	A	X	X		
Mali	Abolitionist in practice		1980	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Malta	Abolitionist for all crimes	2000	1943	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Marshall Islands	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mauritania	Abolitionist in practice		1987	N	A	A	A	A	X			X

Mauritius	Abolitionist for all crimes	1995	1987	Y	Y	Absent	Absent	Absent				
Mexico	Abolitionist for all crimes	2005	1961	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Micronesia	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Monaco	Abolitionist for all crimes	1962	1847	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mongolia	Abolitionist in practice		2008	N	N	Y	Y	Y	X	X		
Montenegro	Abolitionist for all crimes	2002	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Morocco	Abolitionist in practice		1993	A	A	A	A	A				
Mozambique	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	1986	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Myanmar	Abolitionist in practice		1988	N	N	N	N	A	X	X	X	X
Namibia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	1988	Y	Y	Y	A	A				
Nauru	Abolitionist in practice		Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent				
Nepal	Abolitionist for all crimes	1997	1979	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Netherlands	Abolitionist for all crimes	1982	1952	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
New Zealand	Abolitionist for all crimes	1989	1957	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Nicaragua	Abolitionist for all crimes	1979	1930	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Niger	Abolitionist in practice		1976	A	A	A	A	Y		X	X	
Nigeria	Retentionist		2013	N	N	A	A	A	X	X	X	X
Norway	Abolitionist for all crimes	1979	1948	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Oman	Retentionist		2001	N	A	A	N	N	X		X	X
Pakistan	Retentionist		2012	N	N	N	N	N	X		X	X
Palau	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Panama	Abolitionist for all crimes	1922	1903	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Papua New Guinea	Abolitionist in practice		1950	N	A	N	A	N	X	X	X	X
Paraguay	Abolitionist for all crimes	1992	1928	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Peru	Abolitionist for ordinary crimes only	1979	1979	Absent	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Philippines	Abolitionist for all crimes	2006	2000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Poland	Abolitionist for all crimes	1997	1988	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Portugal	Abolitionist for all crimes	1976	1849	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Qatar	Retentionist		2003	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Republic of Korea	Abolitionist in practice		1997	A	A	A	A	A				
Rep of Moldova	Abolitionist for all crimes	1995	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Romania	Abolitionist for all crimes	1989	1989	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Russian Federation	Abolitionist in practice		1999	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Rwanda	Abolitionist for all crimes	2007	1998	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Saint Kitts	Retentionist		2008	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Saint Lucia	Retentionist		1995	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Saint Vincent	Retentionist		1995	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Samoa	Abolitionist for all crimes	2004	Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
San Marino	Abolitionist for all crimes	1865	1468	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Y				
Saudi Arabia	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Senegal	Abolitionist for all crimes	2004	1967	Absent	A	A	A	A				
Serbia	Abolitionist for all crimes	2002	1992	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Seychelles	Abolitionist for all crimes	1993	Ind.	Absent	Absent	Absent	Y	Y				
Sierra Leone	Abolitionist in practice		1998	A	A	A	Y	Y			X	
Singapore	Retentionist		2009	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Slovakia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1990	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Slovenia	Abolitionist for all crimes	1989	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Solomon Islands	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Ind.	N	N	A	A	A	X	X	X	X
Somalia	Retentionist		2013	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	X
South Africa	Abolitionist for all crimes	1997	1991	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
South Sudan	Retentionist		2012	idn't existe	idn't existe	idn't existe	Y	Y				
Spain	Abolitionist for all crimes	1995	1975	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Sri Lanka	Abolitionist in practice		1976	Y	Y	Y	A	A				
Sudan	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Suriname	Abolitionist in practice		1982	N	A	A	A	Y	X			
Swaziland	Abolitionist in practice		1983	A	N	N	N	Absent	X	X	X	X
Sweden	Abolitionist for all crimes	1972	1910	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Switzerland	Abolitionist for all crimes	1992	1944	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Syria	Retentionist		2012	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Tajikistan	Abolitionist in practice		2004	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Thailand	Retentionist		2009	N	N	A	A	A	X	X		
Timor-Leste	Abolitionist for all crimes	1999	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Togo	Abolitionist for all crimes	2009	1978	A	A	Y	Y	Y				
Tonga	Abolitionist in practice		1982	N	N	N	N	A	X	X	X	X
Trinidad and Tobago	Retentionist		1999	N	N	N	N	N	X	X	X	X
Tunisia	Abolitionist in practice		1991	Absent	Absent	Absent	Y	Y				
Turkey	Abolitionist for all crimes	2004	1984	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Turkmenistan	Abolitionist for all crimes	1999	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Tuvalu	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Uganda	Retentionist		2006	N	N	N	N	A	X	X	X	X
Ukraine	Abolitionist for all crimes	1999	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
United Arab Emirates	Retentionist		2012	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	X
United Kingdom	Abolitionist for all crimes	1998	1964	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
United Rep of Tanzania	Abolitionist in practice		1994	A	A	A	A	A				
United States	Retentionist		2013	N	N	N	N	N				
Uruguay	Abolitionist for all crimes	1907	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Uzbekistan	Abolitionist for all crimes	2008	2005	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Vanuatu	Abolitionist for all crimes	Not known	Ind.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Venezuela	Abolitionist for all crimes	1863	Not known	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Vietnam	Retentionist		2013	A	A	A	A	A				

