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## **Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: Indonesia - fifth execution in 2013**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) condemns the execution by firing squad of Muhammad Abdul Hafeez.

Hafeez, a 44 year-old Pakistani national, was reportedly executed in secret on Sunday 17 November 2013 in South Tangerang. He was sentenced to death in November 2001 after being arrested in June the same year for attempting to smuggle heroin into Indonesia.

According to the Attorney General's Office, Hafeez's appeals to review this verdict and requests for clemency were all rejected.

Indonesia resumed executions in March 2013 after a four-year de facto moratorium. Muhammad Abdul Hafeez is the fifth person to be executed this year.

More than 130 people are estimated to be under sentence of death in Indonesia and about one-third of those are believed to be foreign nationals. Other individuals are reportedly at risk of execution when their legal process concludes.

"The resumption of executions this year in Indonesia is worrying as it goes against the global trend towards abolition of the death penalty", said Federico Mayor, President of ICDP.

According to the United Nations, some 150 countries from all regions in the world and cultures have abolished capital punishment or no longer execute. These nations have accepted that state killing is wrong and fails to deter crime.

By its own use of the death penalty, the Indonesian government is severely undermining its active call to secure clemency for its nationals under sentence of death abroad.

ICDP calls on the government of Indonesia to stop further executions, commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment and to implement an immediate moratorium on executions in line with the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions adopted in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012. Furthermore, ICDP calls on the government of Indonesia to initiate an independent and informed public debate on its use on the death penalty.

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## Background

ICDP was founded in Madrid in October 2010. ICDP is composed of 15 personalities of high international standing from all regions of the world who act with total independence and neutrality and work under its President Mr. Federico Mayor.

ICDP opposes the death penalty under any circumstances believing that it violates the right to life enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. ICDP promotes the abolition of capital punishment in law in those states that observe a de facto moratorium on the use of the death penalty and promotes moratoriums on executions in states that rarely use the death penalty. In states that continue to carry out executions ICDP urges strict adherence to international standards.

ICDP works with the United Nations and other international and regional organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations to further the abolition of capital punishment worldwide.

The work of the ICDP is supported by a diverse group of 17 states from all regions of the world that are committed to abolition of the death penalty. Its secretariat is based in Geneva.