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**Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty:
Singapore executes two men and resumes executions after more than
three years**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) strongly condemns the executions of two men, Tang Hai Liang, 36, and Foong Chee Peng, 48 which was announced on 18 July 2014 by the Central Narcotics Bureau. The executions were carried out by hanging at Singapore's Changi Prison Complex. Because of the secrecy surrounding the death penalty in Singapore, the exact date of the previous execution is uncertain; the last executions were reportedly carried out in 2011.

The two men, both Singaporean nationals, had been convicted and sentenced to death for drug-related offences in 2011. Individuals facing the death penalty in Singapore have been entitled to have their mandatory death sentence reviewed. According to the Central Narcotics Bureau, Tang Hai Liang and Foong Chee Peng did not want to have their case reviewed.

According to the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, "23 detainees remain on the death row in Singapore, many of them being convicted for drug-related offences."

"ICDP and I express our deep concern at the resumption of executions in Singapore. We call on the Government of Singapore to immediately stop executions and to establish an official moratorium on the use of the death penalty as a first step towards abolition of capital punishment in line with United Nations General Assembly Resolutions adopted in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012", said ICDP President Mr. Federico Mayor.

According to the United Nations, some 160 countries from all regions have abolished the death penalty or do not execute – having recognized that modern justice systems can protect the public from crime without the irrevocable and cruel nature of the death penalty and the constant risk of executing an innocent person.

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Background

ICDP was founded in Madrid in October 2010. ICDP is composed of 14 persons 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 18 states from all regions of the world that are committed to abolition of the death penalty. Its secretariat is based in Geneva.