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Statement by the International Commission against the Death Penalty: 13th meeting of the Commissioners in Madrid

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP or Commission) held the 13th meeting of its Commissioners in Madrid between 27 and 29 May 2018.

On 27 May, ICDP's Steering Committee meeting was chaired by ICDP President Judge Navi Pillay and discussed activities of the Commission.

On 28 May, the Meeting of the Commissioners was held under the leadership of President Navi Pillay; the Commissioners deliberated on the activities undertaken since the last Meeting of Commissioners in October 2017. The Commissioners discussed the strategies and identified the activities, including future missions, as part of the action plan for the year ahead and for the first half of 2019. They considered ICDP's financial situation and also deliberated on the fundraising activities of the Commission. The Commissioners welcomed the former UN Assistant Secretary General Professor Ivan Simonovic and the former President of Mongolia Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj as new ICDP Commissioners.

The Commissioners observed a minute's silence in memory of Commissioner Asma Jilani Jahangir who tragically passed away in February 2018.

On 28 May afternoon, the Commissioners had an audience with His Majesty the King Felipe VI of Spain and discussed ICDP's activities and issues related to the death penalty.

On 29 May, the Commissioners met the then-Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs Alfonso Dastis to discuss issues of mutual interest including Spain's role on the abolition of the death penalty in general and ICDP in particular. Following this meeting, the Commissioners participated in the General Assembly meeting where ICDP's Member States of its Support Group attended.

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Background:

ICDP was founded in Madrid in October 2010. ICDP is composed of 21 Commissioners, who are persons of high international standing and who represent all the regions of the world. ICDP acts with total independence and neutrality and works under its President Judge Navi Pillay.

ICDP opposes the death penalty under any circumstances. The death penalty violates the right to life enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights., whose 70th anniversary is being observed this year. The Commission 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.

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 19 Member-States and 3 Observer States from all regions of the world that are committed to abolition of the death penalty. Its secretariat is based in Madrid.