

# THE DEATH PENALTY IS HOMOPHOBIC

Asserting one's sexual orientation and living freely is not a crime and should definitely not be part of any Criminal Code. **And yet, 12 countries across the world still include the possibility of punishing male homosexuality by death in their legal systems.** Although it is almost impossible to keep a record of the number of executions carried out on the basis of this charge, which is very difficult to demonstrate in practice, one thing is certain: the execution of homosexuals, particularly in Iran, has been camouflaged by other offences such as drug trafficking.

ECPM is using the Death Penalty is Homophobic campaign to denounce sexual discrimination and exhort countries which apply the death penalty to decriminalise this crime. ECPM also denounces countries which have openly homophobic legislation such as Uganda which, on a number of occasions, has sought to reintroduce the death penalty for the crime of aggravated homosexuality, and it calls on all countries to respect the sexual freedom of all.



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**ECPM** (Together Against the Death Penalty) is an organisation working for a particular cause: universal abolition of the death penalty under all circumstances.

## PROXIMITY TO PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH

**ECPM** carries out and publishes judicial investigations into death row (in Morocco, Tunisia and the United States). Our publication "Investigation into Death Row in the DRC" received the French Republic's top Human Rights Prize. **ECPM** supports the victims of the death penalty, prisoners and their families such as Serge Atiaoui and Hank Skinner. **ECPM** supports correspondence with prisoners sentenced to death.

## ADVOCACY WITH THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES

**ECPM** is the first NGO devoted to the struggle against the death penalty to have obtained ECOSOC status which guarantees it a presence and the possibility of advocating at the very heart of the UN system. **ECPM** initiated the creation of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2002 which has more than 150 members – NGOs, bar associations, local bodies, unions – from across the world. Along with the World Coalition, **ECPM** leads advocacy and public mobilisation campaigns with political decision-makers (European Union, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, governments, etc.).

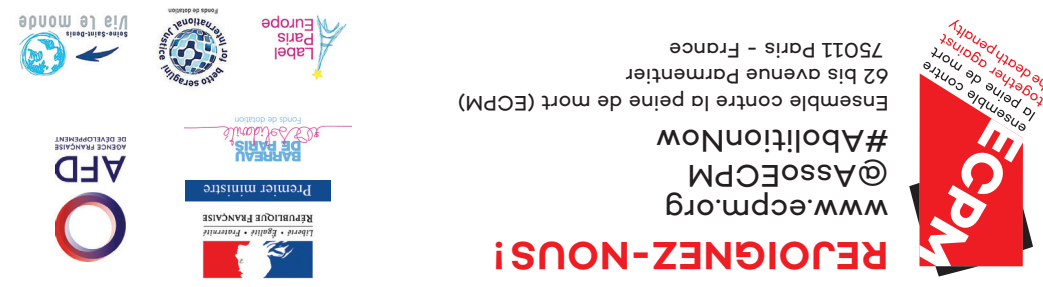
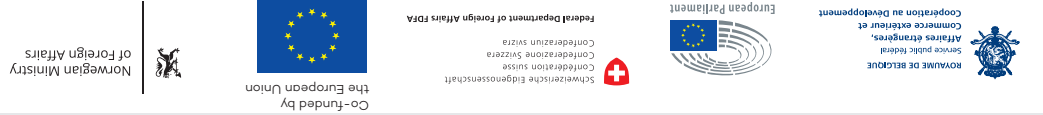
## UNITING ABOLITIONISTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

**ECPM** is the founder and organiser of the World Congresses Against the Death Penalty. These events bring together more than 1,300 people representing the world abolitionist movement. Ministers, parliamentarians, diplomats, activists, civil society organisations, researchers and journalists come together every three years to strengthen their ties and draw up strategies for the future.

## EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF ABOLITION

**ECPM** works in schools to encourage young people to support the issue through drawing competitions, introductions to journalists and free class visits – with the participation of specialists, individuals previously sentenced to death or the families of prisoners sentenced to death. More than 10,000 middle and high school pupils have been involved since October 2009. **ECPM** raises awareness among the public of the situation of minorities and vulnerable groups by participating in Gay Pride, the Fête de la Humanité, Cities for Life, the World Day Against the Death Penalty, World Human Rights Day, etc.

**ECPM** fights against the isolation of activists wherever the death penalty remains by supporting the formation of national and regional coalitions against the death penalty (Morocco, Tunisia, Central Africa, Asia, etc.), as well as the creation of networks of abolitionist parliamentarians and lawyers. **ECPM** encourages efficiency among its local partners by organising training sessions and advocating at all political levels for their work to be supported.



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