



# RESULTS OF THE VOTES ON THE 2012 UNGA RESOLUTION ON A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY

## INTRODUCTION

In the tables below are listed all the countries that voted in contradiction with their status (abolitionist in law or de facto that abstained or voted against, retentionist countries abstaining or voting in favour of the resolution) for the vote of the 3rd Commission as well for the vote at the UN General Assembly. Therefore, these different countries are identified as target countries for lobbying in favour of the resolution by ECPM and its partners.

In December 2014, the vote for the 5<sup>th</sup> resolution on a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty will be held. Previous resolutions were:

- Resolution 62/149 of 18 December 2007, adopted with 104 votes in favour, 54 against, 29 abstentions
- Resolution 63/168 of 18 December 2008, adopted with 106 votes in favour, 46 against, 34 abstentions
- Resolution 65/206 of 21 December 2010, adopted with 109 votes in favour, 41 against, 35 abstentions
- Resolution 67/176 of 20 December 2012, adopted with 111 votes in favour, 41 against, 34 abstentions

The vote of 2012 revealed significant changes:

- **A to N:** Bahrain, Oman, and Dominica moved from an abstention to a negative vote
- **Y to A:** Namibia, Maldives, and Sri Lanka moved from positive votes to abstention,
- **N to A:** Afghanistan, Indonesia, Antigua & Barbuda, and Papua New Guinea moved from a negative vote to abstention,
- **A to Y:** RCA, Chad, Benin et South Sudan, Tunisia voted for the first time in favour of the resolution

VOTING IS PROPOSED ON:		A/C.3/67/L.44/REV.1	11/17/07	17/5/12
AFGHANISTAN	CANADA	FRANCE	KYRGYZSTAN	NETHERLANDS
ALBANIA	CAPE VERDE	GABON	LAO PDR	NEW ZEALAND
ALGERIA	CENTRAL AFR REP	GAMBIA	LATVIA	NICARAGUA
ANDORRA	CHAD	GEORGIA	LEBANON	NIGER
ANGOLA	CHILE	GERMANY	LESOTHO	NIGERIA
ANTIGUA-BARBUDA	CHINA	GHANA	LIBERIA	NORWAY
ARGENTINA	COLOMBIA	GREECE	LIECHTENSTEIN	OMAN
ARMENIA	COMOROS	GRENADA	LITHUANIA	PAKISTAN
AUSTRALIA	CONGO	GUATEMALA	LUXEMBOURG	PALAU
AUSTRIA	COSTA RICA	GUINEA	MADAGASCAR	PANAMA
AZERBAIJAN	COTE D'IVOIRE	GUINEA-BISSAU	MALAWI	PAPUA N GUINEA
BAHAMAS	CROATIA	GUYANA	MALAYSIA	PARAGUAY
BAHRAIN	CUBA	HAITI	MALDIVES	PERU
BANGLADESH	CYPRUS	HONDURAS	MALI	PHILIPPINES
BARBADOS	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	MALTA	POLAND
BELARUS	DEM PR OF KOR	ICELAND	MARSHALL ISLAND	PORTUGAL
BELGIUM	DEM REP CONGO	INDIA	MAURITANIA	QATAR
BELIZE	DJIBOUTI	INDONESIA	MAURITIUS	REP OF KOREA
BENIN	DOMINICA	IRAN (ISLAM REP)	MEXICO	REP OF MOLDOVA
BHUTAN	DOMINICAN REPUB	IRAQ	MICRONESIA (FS)	ROMANIA
BOLIVIA	ECUADOR	ISRAEL	MONACO	RWANDA
BOSNIA-HERZEGOV	EGYPT	ITALY	MONGOLIA	SAINT KITTS-NEV
BOTSWANA	EL SALVADOR	JAMAICA	MONTENEGRO	SAINT LUCIA
BRAZIL	EQUAT GUINEA	JAPAN	MOROCCO	SAINT VINCENT-G
BRUNEI DAR SAL	ERITREA	JORDAN	MOZAMBIQUE	SAMOA
BULGARIA	ESTONIA	KAZAKHSTAN	MYANMAR	SAN MARINO
BURKINA FASO	ETHIOPIA	KIRIBATI	NAURU	SAO TOME PRINCI
BURUNDI	FIJI	KUWAIT	NEPAL	SAUDI ARABIA
CAMBODIA	FINLAND			SENEGAL
CAMEROON				SIERRA LEONE
				SINGAPORE
				SLOVAKIA
				SLOVENIA
				SOLOMON
				SOMALIA
				SOUTH AFRICA
				SOUTH SUDAN
				SPAIN
				SRI LANKA
				SUDAN
				SURINAME
				SWAZILAND
				SWEDEN
				SWITZERLAND
				SYRIAN AR
				TAJIKISTAN
				THAILAND
				THEFYR MACEDON
				TIMOR-LESTE
				TOGO
				TONGA
				TRINIDAD-TOBAGO
				TUNISIA
				TURKEY
				TURKMENISTAN
				TUVALU
				UGANDA
				UKRAINE
				UNITED A EM
				UNITED KINGDO
				UNITED STATES
				URUGUAY
				UZBEKISTAN
				VANUATU
				VENEZUELA
				VIET NAM
				YEMEN
				ZAMBIA
				ZIMBABWE



### THIRD COMMISSION TO THE UNGA IN NOVEMBER 2012

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2012, the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly voted for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.

The final results were as follows:

- 110 countries have voted in favour of the resolution
- 39 countries voted against
- 36 countries abstained

#### Highlights:

- 20 abolitionist countries abstained
- 5 abolitionist (de facto) countries voted against the resolution
- 16 retentionist countries abstained
- 3 retentionist countries voted in favour
- 8 countries were absent during the vote (4 retentionists et 4 abolitionists)

#### Table of abolitionist countries which abstained and voted against the resolution:

Abolitionist countries which abstained			
AREA	Abolitionist	De facto abolitionist	Abolitionist for common crime
Africa	Namibia Senegal	Cameroon Eritrea Ghana Kenya Liberia Malawi Maldives Tanzania Zambia	
MENA	Djibouti	Morocco	
Asia-Pacific	Solomon Islands	Lao Papua-New-Guinea south Korea Sri Lanka Suriname	Fiji
Abolitionist countries which voted against			
Area	De facto abolitionist country		
Africa	Swaziland		
Mena	Mauritania		
Caribbean	Grenada		
Asia-Pacific	Brunei Darussalam Burma		



**Table of retentionist countries which abstained and voted in favour of the resolution:**

<b>Retentionist countries which abstained</b>	
Area	Country
Russia & Cis	Belorussia
Africa	Comoros Congo DRC Guinea Lesotho Nigeria Sierra Leone
Mena	Bahrain UAE United Arab Emirates Jordan Lebanon
Caribbean	Cuba
Asia-Pacific	Afghanistan Indonesia Thailand Viet Nam
<b>Retentionist countries which voted in favor</b>	
Area	Country
Latin America	Guatemala
Africa	South Sudan
Asia-Pacific	Mongolia

**Table of absentee country during voting:**

<b>Abolitionist countries absent during the vote</b>		
Area	Abolitionist Country	Abolitionist for common Crim
Africa	Seychelles Mauritius	Gambia
Asia	Tonga	
<b>Retentionist countries absent during the vote</b>		
Area	Country	
Africa	Chad Equatorial Guinea Somalia	
Caribbean	Dominica	



## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN DECEMBER 2012

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2012, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted in favour of a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.

The overall results were as follows:

- 111 countries voted in favour (Yes)
- 41 countries voted against (No)
- 34 countries which abstained

### Highlights:

- 21 abolitionist countries which abstained
- 6 abolitionist (de facto) voted against (No)
- 13 retentionist countries abstained
- 6 retentionist countries voted in favour the resolution (Yes)
- 7 countries did not participate to the vote (5 abolitionists et 2 retentionists)

**Table of abolitionist countries abstained and voted in favour of the resolution:**

Abolitionist Countries which abstained			
Area	Abolitionist	De fact Abolitionist	Abolitionist for common crimes
Africa	Namibia Senegal	Cameroon Eritrea Kenya Liberia Malawi Maldives Niger Tanzania Zambia	
MENA	Djibouti	Morocco Mauritania	
Asia-Pacific	Solomon Islands	Lao Papua-New Guinea South Korea Sri Lanka Suriname	Fiji
Abolitionist countries which voted against			
AREA	Abolitionist	De Facto Abolitionist	
Africa		Swaziland	
Caribbean		Grenada	
Asia-Pacific		Burma Brunei Darussalam Tonga	



**Table of retentionist countries which abstained and voted in favor of the resolution:**

<b>Retentionist Countries which abstained</b>	
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Country</b>
Russia & Cis	Belarus
Africa	Comoros Congo - DRC Guinea Lesotho Nigeria
MENA	UAE United Arab Emirates Jordan Lebanon
Caribbean	Cuba
Asia-Pacific	Indonesia Thailand Viet Nam
<b>Retentionist Countries which vote in favor</b>	
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Country</b>
Latin America	Guatemala
Africa	Chad Sierra Leone Somalia South Sudan
Asia	Mongolia

**Table of absentee country during the vote:**

<b>Abolitionist countries absent during the vote</b>		
<b>AREA</b>	<b>Abolitionist</b>	<b>De facto Abolitionist</b>
Africa	Maurice S Tome Principe	Gambia Ghana
Asia	Kiribati	
<b>Retentionist countries absent during the vote</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Pays</b>	
Africa	Equatorial Guinea	
Caribbean	Antigua et Barbuda	



## COMPARISON OF RESULTS BETWEEN THE TWO VOTES (3RD COMMITTEE AND UNGA)

Highlights points on the Resolution of the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, and comparison with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission on 19<sup>th</sup> of November:

- 21 abolitionist (in law) countries abstained (+1)
- 5 abolitionist (de facto) voted against the resolution
- 13 retentionist countries abstained (-3)
- 6 retentionist voted in favor (+3)

### Positive changes:

- Mauritania moved from against to abstention.
- Sierra Leone moved from abstention to a vote in favor of the resolution.
- Chad and Somalia, which were not present during the vote on the resolution of November 19, voted in favour of UNGA the resolution.

### Negative changes:

- Afghanistan and Bahrain move from abstention to a negative vote.

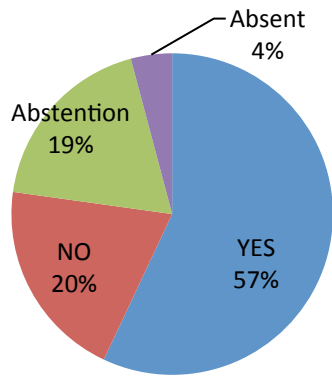
## LEVERS FOR A BETTER VOTE: TO SUM UP TARGET COUNTRIES FOR MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN

MENA	Sub-Saharan Africa	Asia-Pacific	Latin America & Caribbean & US
Bahrain (N to A)	Cameroon (A to Y)	Afghanistan (maintain A)	Cuba (A to Y)
Jordan (maintain A)	Chad (maintain Y)	Indonesia (maintain A)	Dominica (N to A)
Lebanon (A to Y)	Central African Republic (maintain Y)	Fiji (A to Y)	Grenada (N to A)
Mauritania (A to Y)	Comoros (A to Y)	Kiribati (not present to Y)	Suriname (A to Y)
Morocco (A to Y)	Djibouti (A to Y)	Maldives (maintain A)	USA (N to A)
Oman (N to A)	DRC (A to Y)	Myanmar (N to A or Y)	
Tunisia (maintain Y)	Ghana (A to Y)	Papua-New Guinea (maintain A)	
U.A.E (maintain A)	Guinea (A to Y)	South Korea (A to Y)	
	Kenya (A to Y)	Solomon Islands (A to Y)	
	Liberia (maintain A)	Sri Lanka (A to Y)	
	Maldives (maintain A)	Thailand (A to Y)	
	Mauritius (not present to Y)	Tonga (N to A)	
	Namibia (A to Y)	Viet Nam (maintain A)	
	Niger (A to Y)		
	Nigeria (maintain A)		
	Sao Tome and Principe (not present to Y)		
	Senegal (A to Y)		
	South Soudan (maintain Y)		
	Tanzania (A to Y)		
	Zambia (A to Y)		
	Zimbabwe (N to A)		

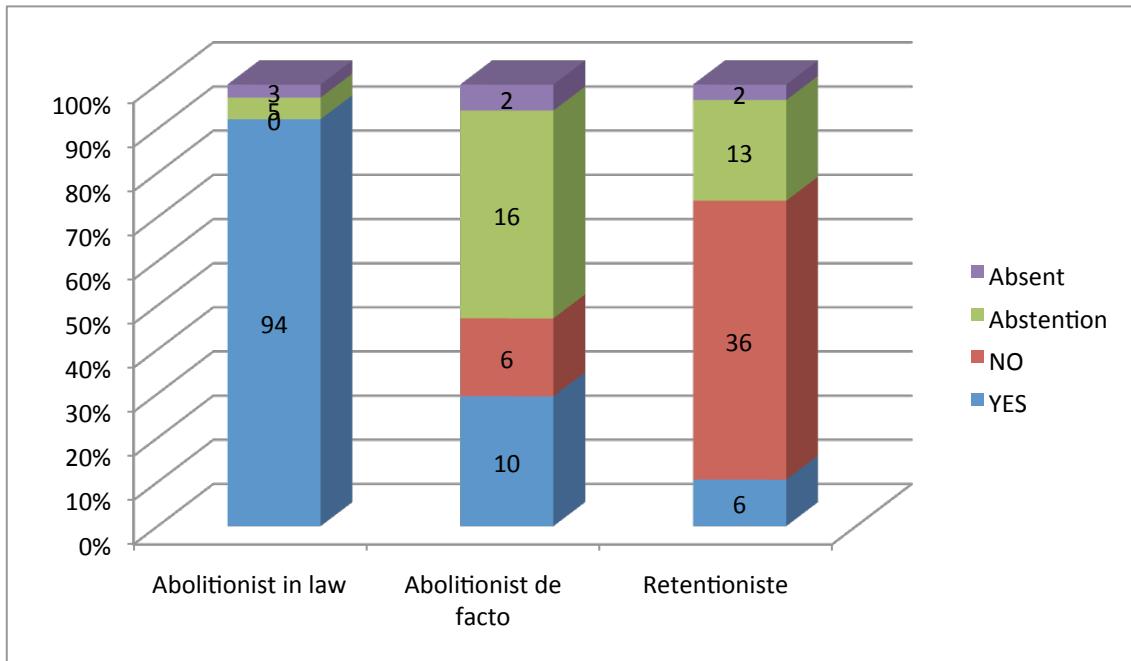
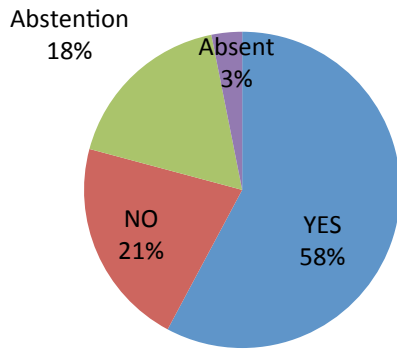
A = abstention; Y = Yes (in favour); N = No (negative vote)



### Vote to the 3rd Commission



### UNGA Vote



### Comparison Chart VOTE 2012 UNGA

