Ensemble contre la peine de mort – ECPM (Together against the Death Penalty) is an organisation that fights for the cause of universal abolition and in all circumstances of the death penalty. ECPM’s objectives are to organise and support all actions that fight against the death penalty throughout the world; it strives to promote universal abolition and to advance human rights and fundamental freedoms. The organisation supports the abolitionist cause by creating and distributing publications, reports and teaching tools through public campaigns it lobbies governments on both the national and international level. Throughout the world, ECPM fights for the abolition of capital punishment, raises public awareness and promotes a humanistic view of justice. ECPM also serves to help abolitionist actors by mobilising and bringing together new abolitionists, strengthening the capacities of local actors and acting alongside them in their fight against capital punishment, and by working alongside lawyers who defend death row prisoners. ECPM’s values include working together to help mankind and to take bold steps to achieve universal abolition. Created in 2000 by a handful of activists, ECPM now has a central role in the international abolitionist movement and has even been acknowledged as a key partner in the fight against capital punishment in the world. ECPM earned its legitimacy as a unifying group of the abolitionist movement because of its strong sense of ethics and values. Bringing civil society together with the World Congresses that it organises every three years and with the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty of which it is a founding member, ECPM has become the key partner with State governments for joint actions. The organisation also coordinates an informal group of nine States, the Core Group, which mobilises their diplomacies to support abolition and the Congresses. ECPM also acts to create networks with abolitionist members of Parliament.

**OUR ACTIONS**

- **Uniting abolitionists from around the world**
  ECPM organises the World Congresses every three years (Strasbourg 2001, Montreal 2004, Paris 2007, Geneva 2010, Madrid 2013) which bring together thousands of political representatives, civil society organisations, legal professionals or artists from both abolitionist and retentionist countries in order to develop future strategies.

- **Strengthening the capacity of local actors and acting alongside them**
  Because the abolitionist fight requires success on a local level, ECPM supports forming national and regional coalitions in the Middle East, in the North Africa region and in Central Africa; it also supports the creation of abolitionist Parliamentary Networks.

- **Advocating for universal abolition**
  The creation of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty was launched by ECPM (now a founding member of its executive board) in 2002. Together, they carry out lobbying and public mobilisation campaigns to political decision-makers: a call for a universal moratorium on executions at the United Nations, the World Day Against the Death Penalty, etc. ECPM carries out judicial inquiries with its local partners and has published reports on the situation of the death penalty in Iran, Morocco, Tunisia, the United States and in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

- **Educating and raising awareness about abolition**
  ECPM creates projects and educational tools for middle school and high school students in France and abroad. The organisation raises public awareness about the situation of the death penalty in the world, especially regarding minorities and vulnerable social groups, via the Abolition Newspaper, the Abolition Newsletter, its website www.abolition.fr and social networks.
Since 2000, we have been fighting against the death penalty by uniting and rallying abolitionist forces across the world. We advocate with international bodies. We encourage universal abolition through education, and public awareness campaigns. We strengthen the capacities of abolitionist actors and act alongside them on a local scale.

**CREATION OF THE ORGANISATION**

2000: Michel Taube and Benjamin Menasce write a book, *An Open Letter to Americans for the Abolition of the Death Penalty* published by L'écart. This is followed by a campaign, “Together Against the Death Penalty in the USA”, which gathers 500,000 signatures in France. This shows the support for the abolition of the death penalty provided by the general public. This is followed by a campaign, “Together Against the Death Penalty in the USA”, which gathers 500,000 signatures in France. This shows the support for the abolition of the death penalty provided by the general public.

**FIRST WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY, STRASBOURG**

13 May 2001. Today, it is the world's largest meeting on the question of the death penalty. The Congress brought together over 150 members from all over the world. It is the first meeting of its kind to be held on this subject. The Congress was attended by high-ranking political personalities, including the President of France at the time, Jacques Chirac.

**HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE FOR THE FACT-FINDING MISSION IN DRC**

2002: ECPM is awarded the Human Rights Prize from French Prime Minister for its fact-finding mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is the first time that an organisation has been awarded this prize for its work in this field.

**FORMATION OF THE WORLD COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY**

2002: On the initiative of ECPM, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty is formed. Today, it boasts over 150 members.

**THE CASE OF THE BULGARIAN NURSES**

2003: ECPM organises an international campaign to save 5 Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor sentenced to death in Libya for allegedly inoculating children with the AIDS virus. ECPM lobbies the Bulgarian authorities, who grant the nurses a presidential pardon after a number of high-profile political protests.

**1ST REGIONAL CONGRESS IN Rabat**

2005: ECPM organises the 1st Regional Congress in Rabat in order to lobby the highest echelons of power in a region of the world where the death penalty remains a major issue in society. In the wake of the Congress, a major initiative is launched in order to lobby for the abolition of the death penalty in the region.

**THE 1ST NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARIES AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY IN MOROCCO**

2005: Following the Regional Congress, the 1st National Network of Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty is formed in Morocco. This network brings together 250 MPs from both chambers of Parliament. In the wake of this initiative, ECPM backs the creation of more networks in Tunisia, Lebanon, and DRC.

**CAMPAIGN FOR HANK SKINNER**

2005: For its first legal fact-finding mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the organisation is awarded the Human Rights Prize from French Prime Minister. This highlights the importance of fact-finding missions in shedding light on the impact of the death penalty around the world.

**THE 1ST NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARIES AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY IN INDONESIA**

2007: ECPM carries out advocacy actions to prevent the execution of Hank Skinner. After a 15-year-long legal battle, the judge orders DNA analysis of crime scene evidence, 19 years after the facts occurred.

**THE OUR BODY EXHIBITION IS BANNED**

2007: After winning a motion for summary judgement, a banning order is imposed on the Our Body exhibition, in which bodies of Chinese death row prisoners are exhibited. The Court of Appeal goes on to confirm the relevance of this ban in a decree which sets legal precedence.

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**CAMPAIGN FOR SERGE ATLAOUI AND ALL DEATH ROW PRISONERS IN INDONESIA**

2009: When Indonesia resumes executions, ECPM carries out lobbying actions to prevent the execution of Serge Atlaoui, a French citizen sentenced to death. Following weeks of campaigning and the execution of 8 more people, he narrowly avoids death.

**KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIA 11TH & 12TH JUNE 2015**

2010: ECPM organises the 1st Asian Regional Summit on the Death Penalty in Kuala Lumpur. It is the world's largest meeting on the question of the death penalty held in Asia. The Summit brings together over 150 participants from 16 countries, including high-ranking political personalities. ECPM presents its findings and recommendations to the participants.

**NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARIES AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY IN MOROCCO**

2010: ECPM presents its findings and recommendations to the participants. It is the first time that an organisation has been awarded this prize for its work in this field.

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**1ST NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARIES AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY IN INDONESIA**

2012: ECPM presents its findings and recommendations to the participants. It is the first time that an organisation has been awarded this prize for its work in this field.

**CAMPAIGN FOR SERGE ATLAOUI AND ALL DEATH ROW PRISONERS IN INDONESIA**

2012: Following weeks of campaigning and the execution of 8 more people, he narrowly avoids death.

**OUR HISTORY**

2000: Creation of the organisation

2001: 1st World Congress Against the Death Penalty, Strasbourg

2002: Formation of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty

2005: 1st National Network of Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty in Morocco

2010: 1st Asian Regional Summit on the Death Penalty in Kuala Lumpur

2012: 1st National Network of Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty in Indonesia

2013: Human Rights Prize for the fact-finding mission in DRC

2015: 1st Regional Congress in Rabat

2016: ECPM is granted consultative status with ECOSOC