



**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON EXTRAJUDICIAL,  
SUMMARY OR ARBITRARY EXECUTIONS – ITEM 3**  
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Madam President, Mr. Special Rapporteur,

**Together against the death penalty** welcomes this interactive dialogue, and wishes to draw your attention to the following:

In 2021 at least 590 executions were registered, in 18 states including China, Iran, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

We deplore that the death penalty is often used as a political tool to control the population or for diplomatic purposes, like in Iran. The case of Swedish-Iranian Ahmadreza Djalali is an example. His execution was scheduled on 21 May 2022. He is still at risk of imminent execution.

Saudi Arabia executed 81 people in March 2022. The resumption of executions in Singapore is also alarming, especially those carried out in violation of international law.

**We therefore call on the authorities of non-abolitionist states to:**

- Provide transparent data on the death penalty in their country;
- Establish a moratorium on executions and vote in favour of the UNGA resolution for a universal moratorium in December 2022.

We also invite all member states of the Human Rights Council to take part in the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, to be held from 15 to 18 November 2022 in Berlin under the sponsorship of Germany, France, Switzerland and the European Union.

Thank you.