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# EDITORIAL

## Heading towards the Tokyo and Paris Congresses



Aminata Niakaté,  
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Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan,  
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The year 2024 was marked by major advances in the struggle for a world without the death penalty, but also by significant challenges. As we prepare for two pivotal gatherings of the international abolitionist movement – the Regional Congress in Tokyo in November 2025 and the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Paris in June 2026 – geopolitical dynamics remind us that nothing can be taken for granted.

On the ground, several key breakthroughs have further galvanised our efforts. Zambia and Zimbabwe officially abolished the death penalty, while Morocco, after more than 30 years of a de facto moratorium, voted for the first time in favour of the UN resolution calling for a universal moratorium, a powerful signal of the changes taking place in the Arab region.

And after nearly two decades of mobilisation, the agreement between Indonesia and France to transfer Serge Atlaoui to France marked an emotional milestone for ECPM. This important step in a long struggle demonstrates the strength of

international solidarity and the value of patient, determined advocacy.

Yet these gains cannot hide worrying setbacks: Donald Trump's return to the US presidency casts a dark shadow over prospects for abolition there, raising the risk that the death penalty could once again be used as a political tool. In France, despite the transfer agreement, Serge Atlaoui remains in detention: a painful delay that pushes us to step up our efforts.

These contrasting trends underscore the urgency of our upcoming meetings. In Tokyo in 2025, we will amplify the voices of abolitionists in Asia, who are too often isolated. And in Paris in 2026, we will unite the world to reaffirm loud and clear that no state can kill a human being in the name of the people and call it justice. These preparations reflect our core conviction that each meeting, each initiative, each voice brings us closer to ending the death penalty. Together, we continue to build a world without executions.



# ECPM

## In numbers

15

staff members

17

active volunteers

Approx.  
600  
posts  
on social media

38

partner associations

17

field partners

9

board members

105

members

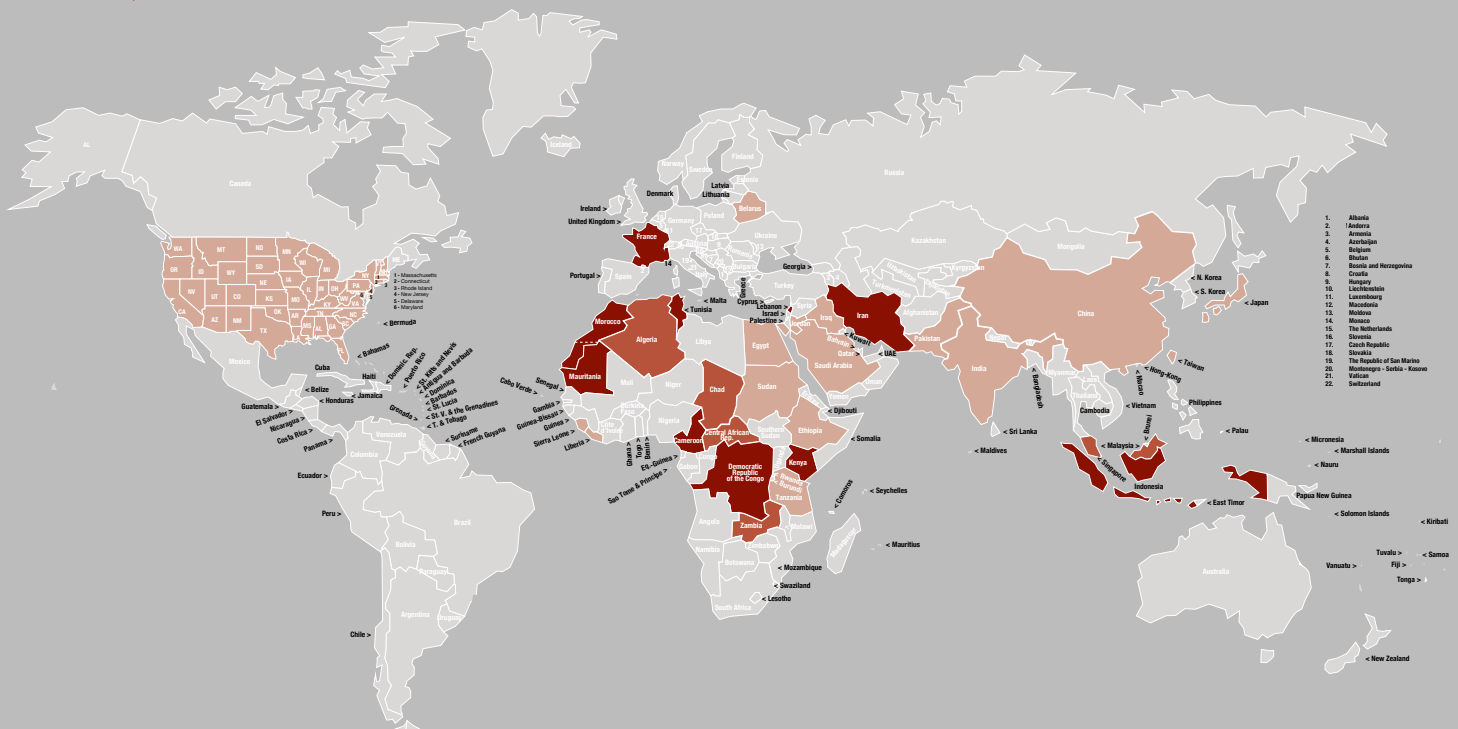
+  
400+  
media  
mentions

€1.4m  
annual budget

24

years in action

## Map of the Strategic Plan 2024-2027



# ECPM

## In actions

28

educational presentations in France with 2 key witnesses and the *Prix Liberté*

6

joint side events (UN Human Rights Council, UN General Assembly and UN Office on Drugs and Crime)

1

new abolitionist state



Zimbabwe

Actions carried out in 12 Countries

7

joint alternative reports submitted to the UN (UPR, CERD, CAT, UNSG, UNGA)

864

young people engaged through ECPM's educational activities

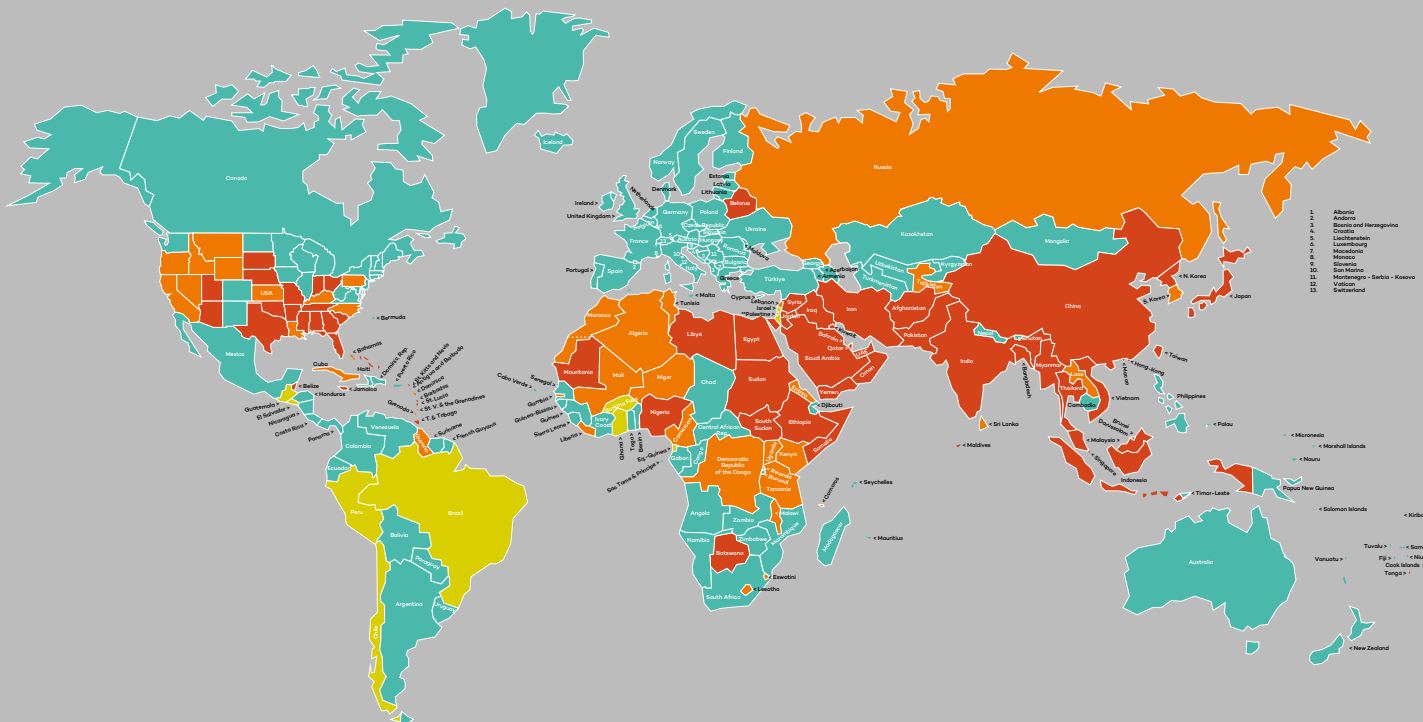
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oral statements at the UN Human Rights Council

4

joint oral statements at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

## The Death Penalty Worldwide



### 113 Abolitionist states for all crimes

States or territories where the death penalty has been fully abolished.

### 9 Abolitionist states for ordinary crimes only

States or territories where the death penalty has been abolished except in exceptional circumstances.

### 29 States with a moratorium on executions

States or territories where the death penalty still applies in law but where no execution has taken place for at least ten years and that did not oppose the most recent UN resolution for a universal moratorium on executions and/or have ratified OP2\*.

### 47 Retentionist states

States or territories that still apply the death penalty.

\* Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

\*\* The case of Palestine is specific: it cannot vote on the UN moratorium resolution, has ratified OP2, but the death penalty remains in force in Gaza (most recent documented executions in 2023).

# ADVOCATE / STRENGTHEN / FEDERATE

## ECPM on all fronts

### Diversifying our advocacy before international bodies

Tioria Pretty (KontraS), Marie-Lina Pérez (ECPM), Karen Gomez-Dumpit (ADPAN), Kambiz Ghafouri (IHRNGO), 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the CCPCJ, Vienna, May 2024.



Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan, Executive Director of ECPM, speaking at the side event "The Death Penalty in the Islamic Republic of Iran", 55<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, April 2024.



In 2024, ECPM strengthened its advocacy actions within international and regional bodies. At the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, ECPM advocated for the renewal of the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran and the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran (FFMI). The association organised or co-organised several side events, notably on the situations in Saudi Arabia

on Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), warning of the seriousness of the situation following the lifting of the moratorium on the death penalty. ECPM contributed to the **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**, submitting alternative reports (DRC, Iran, Iraq and Kenya) and following up other UPR country reviews, such as on Saudi Arabia, whose final report was adopted in 2024.

In Vienna, for the first time, ECPM organised a side event on the use of the death penalty in relation to drug-related offences, in parallel to the **33<sup>rd</sup> session of the CCPCJ** (Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice) within the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). ECPM also sponsored a side event on wrongful convictions organised by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA).

The organisation pursued its active engagement with the **African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)** and was consulted on the revision of the **Study on the Death Penalty**. At the 81<sup>st</sup> session, ECPM co-signed four oral statements with the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and FIACAT, and advocated the adoption by the ACHPR of a resolution inviting states to commit to abolition and vote in favour of the UN resolution.

At European level, ECPM took part in several hearings organised by the European Union (EU) diplomatic service ahead of bilateral dialogues, and initiated mobilisation around the UN moratorium resolution, engaging with diplomats during **COHOM** (the Working Party on Human Rights of the Council of the EU) in Brussels.



Side event “Towards a universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty: contributions from states and civil society”, organised by ECPM at UN headquarters, New York, October 2024.

Voting Ended		12/17/2024		11:50:10 AM	
<b>Item 71 (b) - A/79/458/Add.2 DR XIV</b>					
<b>Moratorium on the use of the death penalty</b>					
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ALBANIA	CANADA	FRANCE	KYRGYZSTAN	NETHERLAND...	SENEGAL
ALGERIA	CHAD	GUINEA-BISS	LAOS	NEW ZEALAND...	UNITED KING...
ANDORRA	CHAD	GAMBIA	LATVIA	NICARAGUA	SEYCHELLES
ANGOLA	CHILE	GEORGIA	LEBANON	NIGER	SERRA LEONE
ANTIGUA-BAL...	CHINA	GERMANY	LESOTHO	NIGERIA	SINGAPORE
ARGENTINA	CHINA	GHANA	LIBERIA	NORTH MAC...	SLOVENIA
ARMENIA	COMOROS	GREECE	LIBYA	NORWAY	UAE
AUSTRALIA	CONGO	GRENADA	LIECHTENSTEIN	OMAN	SOLOMON IS...
AUSTRIA	COSTA RICA	GUATEMALA	LITHUANIA	PAKISTAN	SOMALIA
AZEBAIJAN	COTE D'IVOIRE	GUINEA	LUXEMBOURG	REPUBLIC OF...	SOUTH AFRICA
BAHAMAS	CROATIA	GUINEA-BISS	MADAGASCAR	PANAMA	SOUTH SUDAN
BAHRAIN	CUBA	GUYANA	MALAWI	PAPUA NEW ...	SPAIN
BANGLADESH	CYPRUS	HAITI	MALAYSIA	PARAGUAY	SRI LANKA
BARBADOS	DEM REP OF K...	HONDURAS	MALDIVES	PERU	SUDAN
BELARUS	DEM REP OF ...	HUNGARY	MALI	PHILIPPINES	SURINAME
BELGIUM	DENMARK	ICELAND	MALTA	POLAND	SWEDEN
BELIZE	DOMINICA	INDIA	MARSHALL IS...	PORTUGAL	SWITZERLAND
BENIN	DOMINICAN ...	INDONESIA	MAURITANIA	RUSSIAN FED...	SYRIA
BHUTAN	DOMINICAN ...	IRAN (ISLAMI...	MAURITIUS	REP OF KOREA	TAJIKISTAN
BOLIVIA	ECUADOR	IRAQ	MEXICO	REP OF MOL...	THAILAND
BOSNIA-HER...	EGYPT	IRELAND	MICRONESIA...	ROMANIA	TIMOR-LESTE
BOTSWANA	EL SALVADOR	ISRAEL	MOROCCO	RUSSIAN FED...	TONGA
BRAZIL	ECUATORIAL...	ITALY	MONGOLIA	RWANDA	TRINIDAD-TO...
BRUNEI DAR...	ERITREA	JAMAICA	MONTENEGRO	SAINT KITTS...	TUNISIA
BULGARIA	ETHIOPIA	JAPAN	MOROCCO	SAINT LUCIA	UNITED KING...
BURUNDI	FIJI	JORDAN	MOZAMBIQUE	SAINT VINCE...	UZBEKISTAN
BURUNDI	ESWATINI	KAZAKHSTAN	MYANMAR	SAMOA	TUVALU
CABO VERDE	ETHIOPIA	KENYA	NAMIBIA	SAN MARINO	TURKEY
CAMBODIA	FIJI	KIRIBATI	NAURU	SAO TOME P...	UGANDA
+ IN FAVOUR: 130		- AGAINST: 32		X ABSTENTION: 22	

## Tokyo Regional Congress

For the first time, ECPCP will hold a major international event in Japan, focused on East Asia, including China, North and South Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia, Singapore and Malaysia. This Regional Congress, a preparatory step towards the World Congress to be held in Paris in June 2026, will take place in Tokyo from 7 to 9 November 2025. It aims to advance the abolitionist cause in countries as symbolically significant as China and Japan, addressing issues such as transparency, the instrumentalisation of the death penalty in combating drug trafficking and the role of public opinion.



# ADVOCATE / STRENGTHEN / FEDERATE

## Asia

Since 2024, while the Indonesian association KontraS is now the only Asian partner funded under the new project co-financed by the *Agence française de développement* (AFD), *Fondation de France* and the EU, the Asian network ADPAN has remained one of ECPM's key partners in the region.



Side event "The Death Penalty, Criminal Justice and Drug-Related Crimes" ECPM, KontraS, IHRNGO and ADPAN, 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the CCPCJ, Vienna, May 2024.

At the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna in May 2024, ECPM organised a side event on "The Death Penalty, Criminal Justice and Drug-Related Crimes" in partnership with KontraS, ADPAN and Iran Human Rights (IHRNGO).

In September 2024, ECPM participated in a conference organised in Kuala Lumpur by ADPAN, which brought together lawyers from the Kyoto Bar Association. This mission provided an opportunity to meet the new ADPAN team and organise meetings, including with the new EU ambassador and several Malaysian civil society organisations.

**INDONESIA** experienced a year of change, with Joko Widodo completing his presidential term and Prabowo Subianto taking office in October 2024. This transitional period did not facilitate activities, given that political representatives were set to depart. Nonetheless, advocacy efforts continued: in addition to the side event in Vienna, ECPM and KontraS participated in consultations with CSOs working in Indonesia ahead of the EU's bilateral dialogue on the human rights situation in the country in July, as well as in the Asia Citizen Future Week 2024, Southeast Asia Civil Society Forum, held in Taiwan.



ECPM participating in a conference on the sentence commutation process in Malaysia, organised by ADPAN and AI Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, September 2024.

This event, which took place from 30 October to 1 November, was the first edition of a conference on human rights in Southeast Asia. ECPM, KontraS and TAEDP held a side event on “The Death Penalty and Human Rights in Indonesia and Taiwan: the impact of controversial criminal bills”. Advocacy efforts in 2024 concluded with meetings with Indonesian authorities to discuss Indonesia’s vote on the UN moratorium resolution. Members of the new government indicated that the country would abstain and that there were no plans to resume executions. This glimmer of hope was reinforced by a statement from the Minister for Human Rights, Yusril Mahendra, on the transfer

of foreign prisoners to their countries of origin, at the request of the state concerned.

As a result, **Mary Jane Veloso** from the Philippines and **Serge Atlaoui** from France, two emblematic death row prisoners, were transferred to their respective countries, ending their long years on death row.



Mary Jane Veloso at Jakarta airport during her transfer to the Philippines, December 2024. Photo by Jaringan Tolak Hukuman Mati



Serge Atlaoui with the ECPM team during his detention in Indonesia in 2023.

# ADVOCATE/STRENGTHEN/FEDERATE

## Africa

In 2024, efforts focused on the launch of a new project, developed as part of the AFD programme agreement and the EU Death Penalty Consortium. This meant fewer locally implemented activities than usual, but advocacy continued.

In **DRC**, 2024 was a challenging year in the path towards abolition, with the authorities' decision to lift the moratorium on executions in place since 2003. Immediately after the first statement on this issue was made in February 2024, ECPM and its partner *Culture pour la paix et la Justice* (CPJ) responded with a press release co-signed by more than 80 Congolese and international organisations. The lifting of the moratorium was closely monitored by ECPM and CPJ, which

launched appeals and a petition calling for the moratorium to be reinstated and made several oral statements at the UN Human Rights Council and the ACHPR.

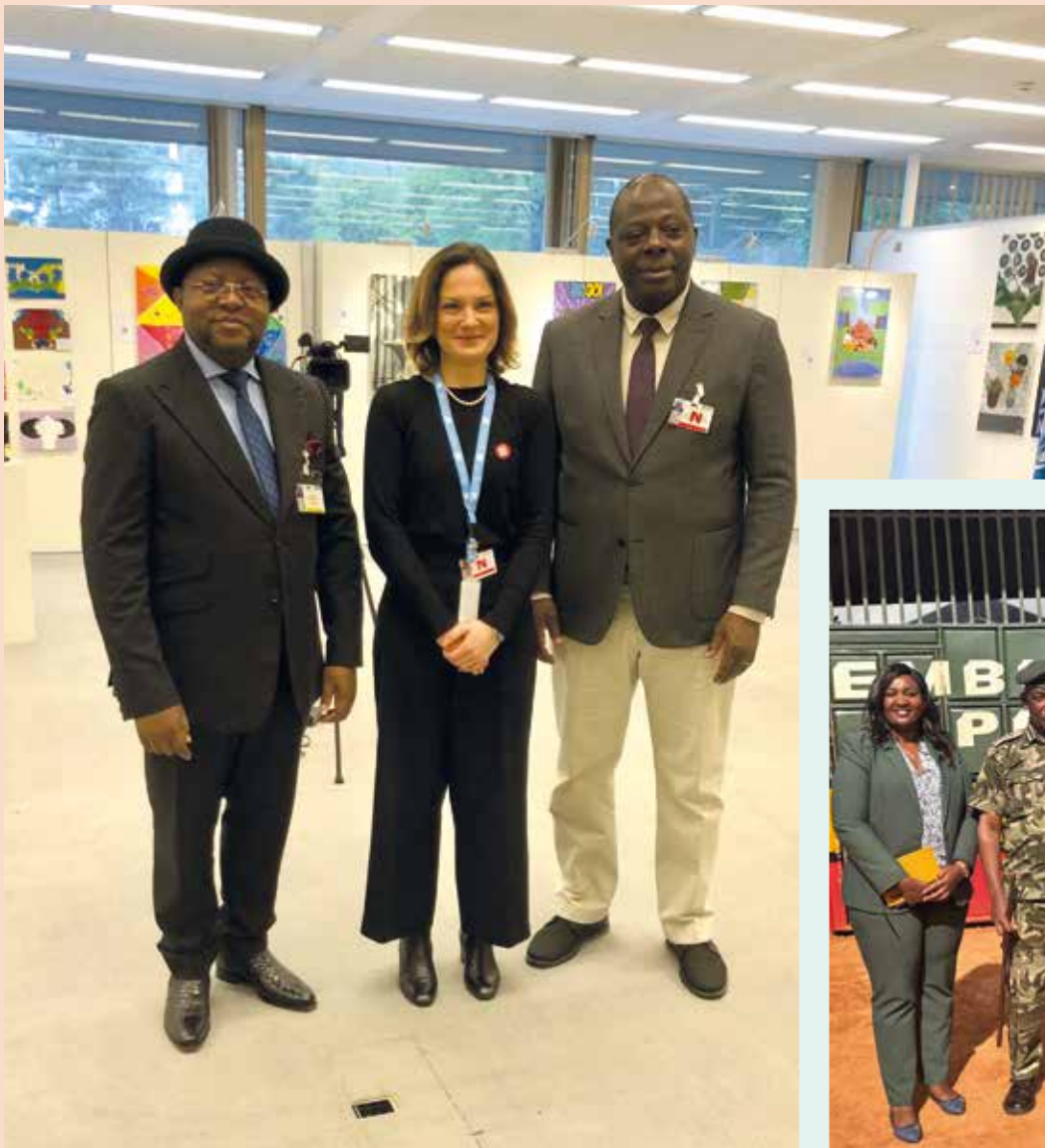
The network of parliamentarians, which had remained quiet for a time due to the political climate, made its voice heard and opposed the lifting of the moratorium on World Day Against the Death Penalty and during the workshops that followed. An ECPM mission to Kinshasa facilitated discussions on the issue with various diplomatic missions and the UN Office in DRC.

In contrast to previous missions, requests for meetings with ministries were not granted. However, the ECPM/CPJ delegation was received by the Vice-President of the DRC National Human Rights Commission and the Deputy Chief of Staff to President Tshisekedi. A meeting with European diplomats was also organised to discuss DRC's vote on the UN moratorium resolution and to provide an update on DRC's review under the Universal Periodic Review, which was also due to take place in November 2024.

Event marking World Day Against the Death Penalty 2024, Kinshasa, DRC.



Workshop of the Network of Congolese Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty, Kinshasa, November 2024.



Meeting between Liévin Ngondji, Lawyer and President of CPJ, Marie-Lina Pérez, Head of Africa and Asia Desk at ECPM and A. F. Puebla, then DRC Minister for Human Rights, on the sidelines of the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, April 2024.

In **KENYA**, 2024 marked the formalisation of ECPM's partnership with Crime Si Poa, with the launch of a series of activities at the end of the year in Nairobi. A meeting to present the project co-financed by AFD was organised with

the French Embassy. This provided an opportunity to introduce the Embassy to the work of ECPM and its Kenyan partner, which has since become the main point of contact on death penalty issues in Kenya.



Visit to Embu Main Prison, Kenya, legal awareness workshop, December 2024.

In **CAMEROON**, *Droits et Paix* marked World Day Against the Death Penalty by organising, together with ECPM, a meeting at the EU delegation in Yaoundé. The year was also a period for reflection on project strategy and preparation for a fact-finding mission to update ECPM's first mission in 2018.



Event marking World Day Against the Death Penalty 2024, Douala, Cameroon.

# ADVOCATE/STRENGTHEN/FEDERATE

## North Africa

In 2024, ECPM and its partners in North Africa focused on designing and launching a new project. The year's main activities centred on advocacy.



In **MOROCCO** the report of the fact-finding mission (cover pictured opposite) and an accompanying infographic were officially published, disseminated and highlighted. On World Day Against the Death Penalty, ECPM, the Moroccan Coalition Against the Death Penalty (CMCPM), the *Observatoire marocain des prisons* (OMP), the National Human Rights Council of Morocco (CNDH) and various networks in Morocco once again organised a press conference. ECPM and its partners worked for a positive development in Morocco's vote on the UN General Assembly resolution calling for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty. In 2024, for the first time, Morocco voted in favour of the UN moratorium resolution.

INPT information session organised by ECPM and CTCPM, Tunis, October 2024.



In **TUNISIA**, in June, on International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, ECPM and the Tunisian Coalition Against the Death Penalty (CTCPM) released a short awareness-raising film produced as part of their joint project. In October, ECPM and CTCPM organised a workshop for members of the *Instance nationale de prévention de la torture* (INPT). This was the first information session to present ECPM's new publication: Practical Guide for NHRIs and NPMs on Monitoring Conditions of Detention of Prisoners Sentenced to Death.

Although **MAURITANIA** has not carried out any executions since 1987, the courts continue to hand down death sentences. In 2024, ECPM and the *Association mauritanienne des droits de l'Homme* (AMDH) focused on developing advocacy efforts among judges and prosecutors. In October, an ECPM-AMDH delegation met with the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner for

Human Rights, Humanitarian Action and Relations with Civil Society, as well as the President of the Mauritanian Bar Association and three prosecutors from the Nouakchott Courthouse. Discussions centred on the current legislative situation and the opening of dialogue in Mauritania aimed at gradually bringing about positive changes.



ECPM and AMDH advocacy meeting with the President of the Nouakchott Bar Association, October 2024.



ECPM and AMDH advocacy meeting with the Minister of Justice, Mauritania, October 2024.

In relation to **ALGERIA**, on World Day Against the Death Penalty, ECPM co-signed an open letter addressed to the national authorities, urging them to vote in favour of the 10<sup>th</sup> UN moratorium resolution.

# ADVOCATE/STRENGTHEN/FEDERATE

## Middle East

ECPM continued to contribute to the development of documentation and advocacy work on the death penalty in the Middle East, particularly as follow-up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Congress held in Jordan in 2023.

Press conference to launch the annual report on Iran, IHRNGO, ECPM, Paris, March 2024.



Side event on Iran, UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, March 2024.



In **IRAN**, 2024 was marked by the start of the FFMI's mandate and the appointment of a new UN Special Rapporteur (Dr. Mai Sato), as well as

by the country's Universal Periodic Review. In this context, ECPM led and joined multiple advocacy initiatives and submitted alternative reports. ECPM and Iran Human Rights (IHRNGO) launched the latest annual report at a press conference held at ECPM's headquarters in Paris (see photo above), which was livestreamed. The findings and concerns raised in the report were widely echoed in the international media, particularly French- and English-language media (more than 100 articles).

The report was presented to the French Ambassador for Human Rights and was used to support advocacy work. It was cited in the annual report of the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Iran. As part of advocacy efforts to highlight the human rights implications of the fight against crime and drugs,



ECPM participating in a round table discussion entitled "Iran: Women, Life, Freedom" organised by KMMK-G at the Swiss Parliament, Bern, September 2024.

ECPM and IHRNGO, in partnership with KontraS and ADPAN, co-organised a side event during the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the

CCPCJ in Vienna in May 2024, entitled "The Death Penalty, Criminal Justice, and Drug-Related Crimes".

**IRAQ** After supporting a mission to Iraq by a lawyer on ECPM's Board of Directors, aimed at monitoring cases of death row prisoners, ECPM produced a brief on the death penalty in law and practice in Iraq, as well as an alternative report submitted as part of Iraq's UPR. An ECPM delegation also met with a delegation from the Iraqi Ministry of Telecommunications and discussed compliance with the standard minimum rules for the protection of death row prisoners and the use of surveillance technology in prisons.

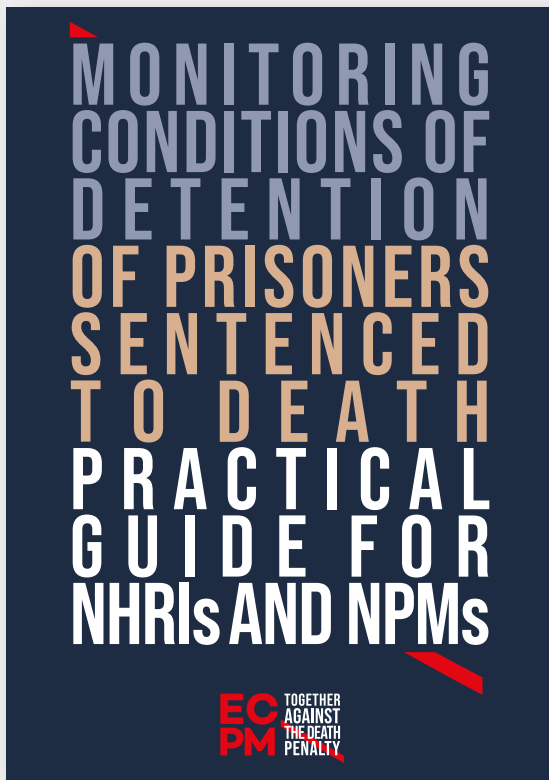


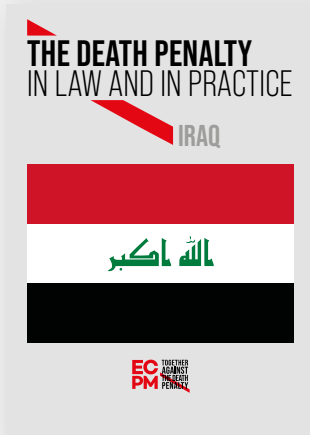
In **LEBANON**, an op-ed by ECPM and its partner in the country was published in *L'Orient-Le Jour*.

In relation to **SAUDI ARABIA**, ECPM co-signed 6 joint initiatives to raise awareness on the death penalty situation.

# 2024 PUBLICATIONS

In 2024, ECPM published its annual report on the death penalty in Iran, produced in coordination with its partner IHRNGO. The practical guide for National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and National Preventive Mechanisms (NPMs) on “monitoring conditions of detention of prisoners sentenced to death”, published in French in 2023, was translated and is now available in English. In addition, after completing production at the end of 2023, ECPM released online and disseminated six informative video animations on the death penalty in Indonesia, Malaysia, Lebanon, Mauritania, Cameroon and DRC. These resources are based on data collected by ECPM and its partners during fact-finding missions conducted between 2018 and 2020. The animated infographic on the death penalty in DRC resonated particularly strongly in the context of the announcement of the lifting of the moratorium at the beginning of the year and has already had **more than 18,000 views on YouTube**.





In addition, several existing publications were updated and enriched with new data and analyses. The “10 Questions” briefs aimed at clarifying the situation of Serge Atlaoui, sentenced to death in Indonesia, and of French nationals facing death sentences abroad were updated, along with six country briefs on the death penalty in law and practice in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia.

# TEACH

## Advocacy and awareness-raising on abolition of the death penalty at the Council of Europe

More than 50 young ambassadors took part in this year's edition from 19 to 21 June, including several who had participated in previous events. ECPM, in partnership with the Council of Europe, the German Coalition against the Death Penalty and the Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO), organised thematic conferences and workshops over three days.



Second edition of the youth workshop "Advocacy and awareness-raising for the abolition of the death penalty", organised in June 2024 by the Council of Europe, ECPM and the German Coalition for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, with the support of the Council of Europe and the Franco-German Youth Office.

This year, ECPM focused actions on the issue of torture, the lack of deterrent effect of capital punishment and the current situation in Belarus (with the participation of two youth representatives from the country). The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the commitment of young people to long-term action in favour of abolition, and to produce a collective declaration by young ambassadors.

One of the highlights of the workshop was the poignant testimony of Antoinette Chahine, a Lebanese activist for universal abolition of the death penalty and former death row prisoner.



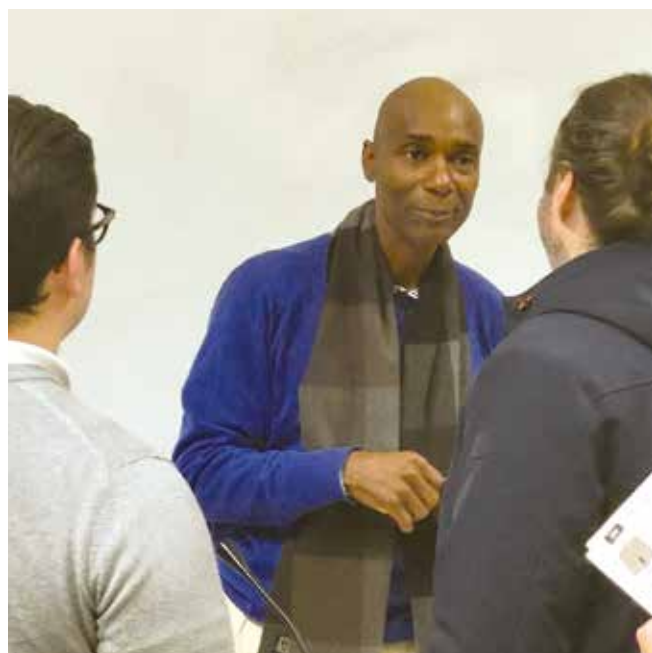
## Key witnesses

In addition to those present at specific events, three key witnesses spoke in schools to raise awareness on abolition of the death penalty among more than 850 young people. Each shared their personal experience and commitment to abolition. Lawyer **Firmin Yangambi Libote** spoke to university students and secondary school pupils about his death sentence in DRC, his release, and his ongoing commitment as a lawyer and activist.

Speech by Firmin Yangambi Libote at the Paris Bar Association in April 2024.



**Asal Abasian**, an Iranian queer feminist journalist, who was arrested for her articles and activism, spoke about the pressure they faced from the Iranian regime and their flight into exile abroad.



In October 2024, in the run-up to the US presidential elections, **Ndume Olatushani** described the relentlessness of the US justice system and the systemic racism that led to his death sentence and struggle for release. All these exchanges were marked by the courage and emotions of the witnesses, but also the interest and admiration of the young people.

# TEACH

## Educational presentations

In addition to university students and civic service volunteers, educational presentations organised as part of ECPM's abolition education programme contributed to raising awareness on abolition among at least 800 young people. More than 450 secondary school and sixth form students in Île-de-France and Normandy took part in participatory activities over two thematic cycles.

During Pride Month, activities had a dual focus – Iran and ECPM's **"Love is not a crime"** campaign – in preparation for Asal Abasian's testimony.

In October, against the backdrop of the US presidential election campaign, the theme was the death penalty in the United States.

Finally, in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the third target region of ECPM's abolition education project, students from the Catholic University of Lyon (UCLy) and the Lyon Institute for Human Rights (IDHL) received training from ECPM before conducting sessions with over 350 young people. This initiative was organised in partnership with UCLy and ACAT-France for the third consecutive year.



Ndume Olatushani talking to students from the University of Auvergne in October 2024, at an event organised in collaboration with Association Albin.



# TEACH

## Normandy World Peace Forum

On 26-27 September, the 7<sup>th</sup> Normandy World Peace Forum was held in Caen on the theme “This world that escapes us: How to win peace in the face of new violence”. ECPM ran a stand in the *Village des Engagés pour la Paix* over the two days, raising awareness among more than 800 sixth form students from Normandy on the issue of the death penalty worldwide.

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Facilitated by ECPM's long-standing partnership with the daily newspaper *Ouest-France*, a conference was also organised, giving three classes the opportunity to talk to **Ndume Olatushani** about his personal experience and his tireless work to raise awareness over the past several years.



# Awareness-raising actions in prisons

Putting theory into practice is one of the objectives of ECPM's awareness-raising activities in prisons. Since current prison policy in France aims to reproduce society within spaces of confinement in order to facilitate reintegration, ECPM has been carrying out activities in detention settings for

several years. In October, at the invitation of *Association Albin*, whose members regularly organise lectures in prisons to share academic knowledge, ECPM spoke at Riom prison, accompanied by Ndume Olatushani, who was wrongly convicted in the United States and spent 20 years on death row.

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Ndume Olatushani speaking at Riom prison.



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## Concertina

For the first time, after years of common values and partnership, ECPM took part in the Concertina festival on issues around incarceration, held on 29 June, on the theme of "margins". ECPM led a session entitled "An eye for an eye" on the death penalty and its impact on the families of those sentenced to death and executed. Following a presentation on the situation of the death penalty in Iran, Shole Pakravan shared her testimony and the story of her daughter, Reyhaneh Jabbari, who was sentenced to death and executed in 2014 for the murder of the man who had attempted to rape her.

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# INSIDE THE ASSOCIATION

## ECPM Encounters

Throughout the year, ECPM continued its series of gatherings at its Paris headquarters. Several leading figures in the global abolitionist movement came to meet supporters. With their characteristic energy, Lebanese activist **Antoinette Chahine** and US activist **Ndume Olatushani**, both former death row prisoners, spoke about capital punishment in their respective former countries, while calling for universal abolition.



## Fête de l'Huma

As in previous years, ECPM took part in the *Fête de l'Humanité*, held in September in Brétigny-sur-Orge, on the outskirts of Paris. Many festivalgoers stopped by ECPM's sunlit stand, located just steps from the Angela Davis stage. It was an opportunity to engage the public and raise awareness on human rights and the abolitionist cause in the festive atmosphere of this iconic event. ECPM's actions in the field were highlighted through games, an exhibition and printed materials. An innovation this year, the activity **"Les Questions qui tuent!"** (Questions that kill), proved a great success among festival participants.



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## Pride March

True to tradition, ECPM once again responded to Inter-LGBT's call to join the Paris Pride March on Saturday 24 June, with original materials, prepared with ECPM's volunteers, to celebrate diversity and underline that the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights continues. This was a valuable opportunity to engage participants and raise awareness on the issues surrounding the death penalty for LGBTQIA+ people.



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## Robert Badinter

Robert Badinter, Honorary President of ECPM, whom I had the honour of meeting, was a tireless advocate for universal abolition of the death penalty. He constantly stood by ECPM, attending all our World Congresses and supporting our association's actions. Beyond French borders, he was a source of inspiration for the entire global abolitionist community. That community has now lost a mentor. His humanism and determination made him the best ambassador for this cause. We owe to him the abolition of the death penalty in France, which he, as Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals, succeeded in securing with a memorable speech that still resonates powerfully in the French National Assembly, at a time when public opinion was against abolition.

Forty years on, he had lost none of the verve and energy that defined him. We were all deeply moved by the masterful speech he delivered at the Panthéon.

As a lawyer and a brilliant orator, he carried the fight into the courtroom, with eloquence and conviction. He always recognised the dignity of an individual, whatever their history, weaknesses or flaws. He never resigned himself to accepting "the sound of the blade cutting a living person in two".

A staunch defender of rights and civil liberties, we also owe to him the decriminalisation of homosexuality. In all his struggles, secularism and the fight against antisemitism were at the core of his being.

We have lost a truly great man.

It is with great humility that ECPM pays tribute to him.

**Aminata Niakaté**  
President of ECPM

National tribute to  
Robert Badinter,  
Paris, 14 February  
2024.





## Our governance

ECPM is composed of members, board members, volunteers and staff, and is governed by quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors, monthly Executive Committee meetings and an Annual General Meeting.



**Aminata Niakaté**  
ECPM President



**Laurent Duarte**  
Secretary General



**Marie Doucet-Lechantre**  
Deputy Secretary General



**Leïla Bordie-Randera**  
Treasurer



**Sandrine Ageorges-Skinner**



**Frédérique Delaunay**



**Edmond-Claude Frety**



**Adriano Martin**



**Richard Sédillot**

## Board of Directors

**Aminata Niakaté** Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2010, Aminata is committed to equality and human rights issues. She chairs the Parity-Equality Commission of the *Union nationale des professions libérales*. Deeply involved in her profession, between 2018 and 2020 she chaired the Equality Commission of the *Conseil national des barreaux*. Since November 2020, she has been President of ECPM, in which she has been active since 2009.

**Laurent Duarte** is a consultant specialising in human rights and democracy issues. A civil society activist, he was executive secretary of the *Tournons La Page* movement, which brings together over 250 organisations in Africa and Europe to promote democracy and human rights. Formerly coordinator of the International Human Rights Film Festival, he is also a member of the editorial board of *Afrique XXI*. He has been a director of ECPM since 2020.

**Marie Doucet-Lechantre** A human rights activist since her teens, Marie is a specialist teacher and trainer in the French National Education system. She joined the fight for universal abolition of the death penalty alongside ECPM ten years ago, and its Board of Directors in 2020. A mother of four, she is also a member of the Board of Directors of the *Centre Contre les Manipulations Mentales*.

**Leïla Bordie-Randera** is currently an economic, social and environmental consultant for Syndex. She has been involved in the non-profit sector for many years, both as an employee and as a volunteer, particularly on issues of equity and solidarity.

**Sandrine Ageorges-Skinner** has been an abolitionist activist since her teens. She is a member of ECPM Board of Directors, which she has represented on the steering committee of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty since 2009. She was responsible for developing the programme of debates at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress Against the Death Penalty, held in Madrid in 2013. She was married to Hank Skinner, who was sentenced to death in Texas in March 1995, and fought at his side for twenty-seven years to prove his innocence and obtain his release, until his death in February 2023.

After teaching in primary schools, **Frédérique Delaunay** held a number of positions in various ministries on economic, energy, environmental, electronic communication, urban planning and territorial development issues, dedicating many years to European negotiations. With a long-standing interest in international affairs and promoting human rights, she joined ECPM in 2021 to carry out awareness-raising activities in schools and, more recently, as an observer on its Board of Directors prior to her appointment.

**Edmond-Claude Frety** is a member of the Paris Bar, former secretary of the Paris Bar Conference, former member of the Paris Bar Council and lecturer at the Paris Bar School (EFB). His practice focuses on litigation, mainly in business law, intellectual property and criminal law applied to new technologies. He joined the ECPM Board in June 2022.

**Adriano Martin** was formerly a European Union official, from 1986 to 2022, holding various positions: Acting Director of the European Agency for Reconstruction in the Balkans, Deputy EU Ambassador to Serbia, Deputy Head of Division in charge of political relations with the Eastern Partnership countries and for the last five years in charge of EU actions for human rights, including management of the EU's external policy in favour of the abolition of the death penalty.

**Richard Sédillot** is a graduate of the Institute of Comparative Law at the University of Paris II and frequently advises and litigates abroad. He has been involved in major political, criminal and family law cases. He has represented or assisted clients before numerous foreign courts, as well as the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, the European Court of Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and foreign disciplinary bodies.

## ECPM Team

• Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan, Executive Director • Ariane Grésillon, Deputy Executive Director • Bertin Leblanc, Director of Communications • Nicolas Perron, Programmes Director • Nadège Poulain, Administrative and Financial Director • Laure Boukabza, Head of Education Programme • Julia Bourbon-Fernandez, Head of MENA Desk • Marie-Lina Pérez, Head of Africa/Asia Desk • Saïd Jamali, Financial Manager • Moulaye Ascofaré, Programme Officer • Léa Créton and Jeanne Maneuvrier, Education Project Officers • Yaël Davigo, Programmes, Administration and Finances Officer • Anna Dubarle, International Programmes Officer • Émilie Fournier and Clémentine Trocellier, Communication Officers • Sarah Mayer and Luce Gimenez, Education and Training Project Officers • Anna Levy, Political and Financial Mobilisation Officer • Atopéh Naounou, Human Resources Apprentice • **ECPM thanks** • Marie Joron and Nathan Huet, staff members in 2024 and • Noémie Matos • Megan Romain • Philippe Leleu, interns. **As well as all its staff, activists and volunteers for their commitment.**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Financial management: Balanced results

ECPM is committed to ensuring that its financial management complies with the strict rules set by its donors and public authorities. Accounts are audited by the firm Doucet & Beth, which verifies the proper use of funds, in accordance with the association's missions.

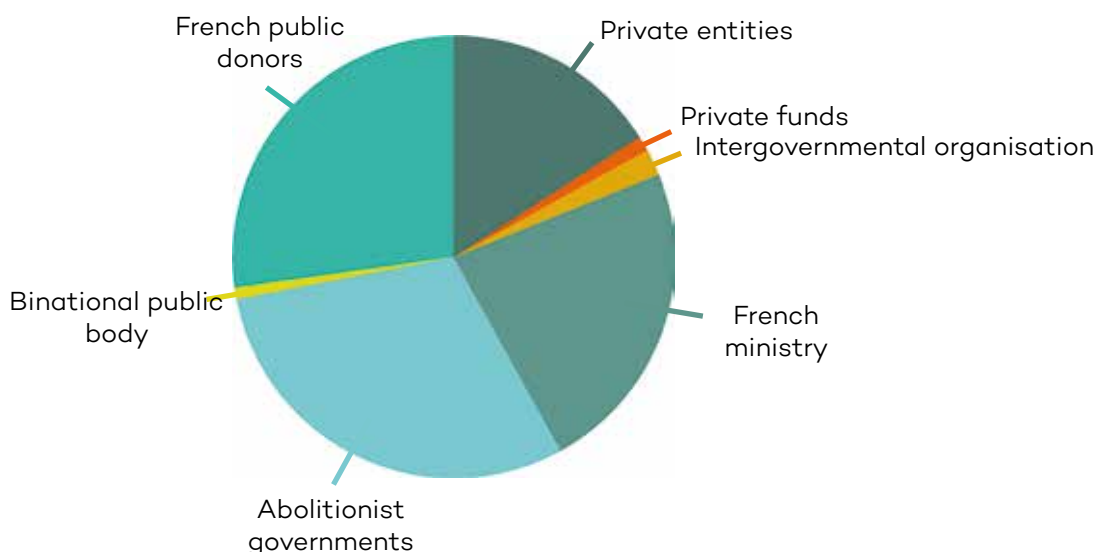
In 2024, ECPM's resources amounted to €14m, mainly from France (AFD, Ministries, etc.), the European Union, abolitionist governments (Norway, Germany,

Switzerland, etc.) and private funds (notably the *Fondation de France*).

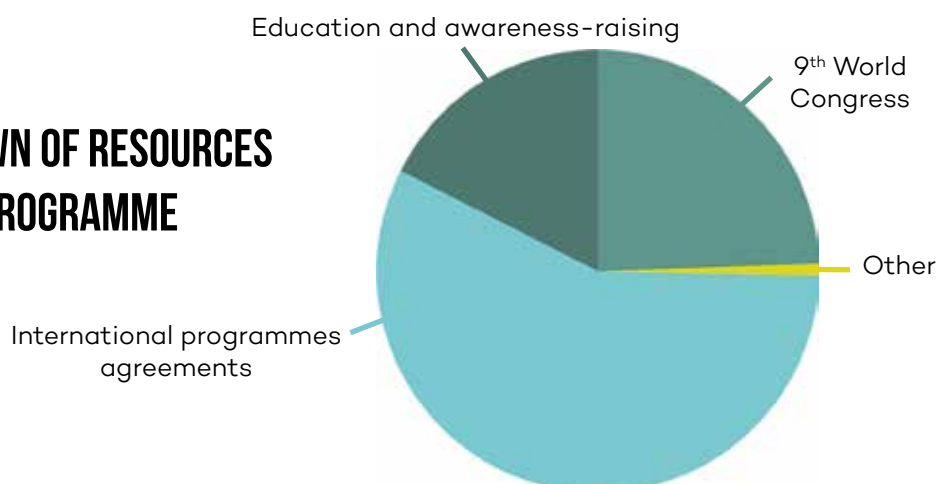
In terms of expenditure, funds were primarily dedicated to international projects in Africa, Asia and the MENA region, the Education programme and the World Congress programme.

**The 2024 financial result was balanced (+€1k).**

### TYPES OF RESOURCES 2024



### BREAKDOWN OF RESOURCES BY PROGRAMME



# PARTNERS

## OUR NETWORKS

ECPM plays a key role in structuring and galvanising the human rights sector. The association is a founding member of the *Plateforme droits de l'homme*, which provides trade union advocacy to defend the sector. ECPM's Executive Director chairs the Platform. ECPM is involved in the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty as a founding member, participating in the Steering Committee and various working groups to strengthen the global reach of the abolitionist movement. ECPM also plays a leading role in national and regional networks and coalitions against the death penalty in North Africa, Central Africa and Southeast Asia.



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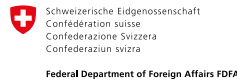
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## OUR POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS



## OUR ASSOCIATION PARTNERS



“The most powerful force that can swiftly correct a miscarriage of justice is full disclosure of the evidence that has been concealed. In other words, it is the disclosure of the truth by the authorities.”

7 February 1987

**Iwao Hakamada**

who spent 46 years  
on death row in Japan  
before being finally  
acquitted in 2024.

