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**ISRAEL**

In view of the 65th Session of the Committee Against Torture, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP), would like to communicate several points concerning the situation of the death penalty in Israel for the consideration of the List of Issues Prior to Reporting.

**Death penalty**

1. The State of Israel abolished the death penalty for ordinary crimes in 1954. Crimes against humanity are still punishable by death. To this day, only Adolf Eichmann has been executed in 1962.

2. An amendment to the penal code brought by Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman would allow a majority verdict in a military court to apply the death penalty to those convicted of terrorism. The bill was frozen after passing its first Knesset reading in January 2018. But in July 2018, Yisrael Beytenu MK Robert Ilatov demanded again that the Knesset advance the bill mandating the death penalty for terrorists.[[1]](#endnote-1)

3. The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty asks:

- what steps have been taken in that direction?

- that Israel respects its international commitment and does not reintroduce the death penalty in its penal code.

*The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP) gathers over 150 members: human rights organizations, professional associations and local authorities on the five continents who have united to campaign for the universal abolition of the death penalty. It was founded in 2002 in Rome. Its actions include the World Day Against the Death Penalty, a ratification campaign of the United Nations Protocol aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and a campaign for the implementation of the UNGA moratorium resolution.*

1. <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/248643> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)