

**ECPM** (Together Against the Death Penalty) is an organisation working for a particular cause: universal abolition of the death penalty under all circumstances.

### — PROXIMITY TO PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH

**ECPM** carries out and publishes judicial investigations into death row (in Morocco, Tunisia and the United States). Our publication “Investigation into Death Row in the DRC” received the French Republic’s top Human Rights Prize.

**ECPM** supports the victims of the death penalty, prisoners and their families such as Serge Atlaoui and Hank Skinner. **ECPM** supports correspondence with prisoners sentenced to death.

### — ADVOCACY WITH THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES

**ECPM** is the first NGO devoted to the struggle against the death penalty to have obtained ECOSOC status which guarantees it a presence and the possibility of advocating at the very heart of the UN system. **ECPM** initiated the creation of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2002 which today has more than 150 members – NGOs, bar associations, local bodies, unions – from across the world. Along with the World Coalition, **ECPM** leads advocacy and public mobilisation campaigns with political decision-makers (European Union, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, governments, etc.)

### — UNITING ABOLITIONISTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

**ECPM** is the founder and organiser of the World Congresses Against the Death Penalty. These events bring together more than 1,300 people representing the world abolitionist movement. Ministers, parliamentarians, diplomats, activists, civil society organisations, researchers and journalists come together every three years to strengthen their ties and draw up strategies for the future.

### — EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF ABOLITION

**ECPM** works in schools to encourage young people to support the issue through drawing competitions, introductions to journalism and free class visits – with the participation of specialists, individuals previously sentenced to death or the families of prisoners sentenced to death. More than 10,000 middle and high school pupils have been involved since October 2009. **ECPM** raises awareness among the public of the situation of minorities and vulnerable groups by participating in Gay Pride, the Fête de la Humanité, Cities for Life, the World Day Against the Death Penalty, World Human Rights Day, etc.

### — STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF LOCAL ACTORS AND TAKING ACTION WITH THEM

**ECPM** fights against the isolation of activists wherever the death penalty remains by supporting the formation of national and regional coalitions against the death penalty (Morocco, Tunisia, Central Africa, Asia, etc.), as well as the creation of networks of abolitionist parliamentarians and lawyers. **ECPM** encourages efficiency among its local partners by organising training sessions and advocating at all political levels for their work to be supported.



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# ECPM OUR HISTORY

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.

2016



**ECPM IS GRANTED CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC** • ECPM reaches a major milestone by obtaining consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), granting it access to UN institutions in Geneva (Human Rights Council), New York (United Nations Headquarters and Security Council), and Vienna (UNODC-United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime).

2015



**1<sup>ST</sup> ASIAN REGIONAL SUMMIT IN KUALA LUMPUR** • Asia is the first retentionist region worldwide. The number of people executed in Asia remains higher than the total number of executions in the rest of the world. Oslo's World Summit aims to build on the Regional Congress of Kuala Lumpur in order to push its challenges to the forefront.

2015



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

2013



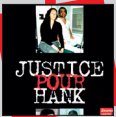
**1<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY IN MOROCCO** • Following the Regional Congress, Moroccan parliamentarians create the 1<sup>st</sup> National Network of Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty, bringing together 250 MPs from both chambers of Parliament. In the wake of this unique initiative, ECPM backs the creation of more networks in Tunisia, Lebanon, and DRC.

2012



**1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL CONGRESS IN RABAT** • ECPM organises the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. As the largest anti-death penalty event to ever be held in the Arab world, the Congress brought together over 500 people and was attended by a number of high-ranking political personalities.

2010



**CAMPAIGN FOR HANK SKINNER** • 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.

2009



**THE *OUR BODY* EXHIBITION IS BANNED** • After ECPM is granted 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.

2007



**THE CASE OF THE BULGARIAN NURSES** • ECPM lobbies presidential candidates to save 5 Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor sentenced to death in Libya for allegedly inoculating children with the AIDS virus.

2005



**HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE FOR THE FACT-FINDING MISSION IN DRC** • 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 Dominique de Villepin. Further missions will then be carried out in Burundi and in Rwanda; these countries have gone on to abolish the death penalty.

2002



**FORMATION OF THE WORLD COALITION AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY** • On the initiative of ECPM, the 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress leads to the formation of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in Rome on 13 May 2002. Today, it boasts over 150 members.

2001



**1<sup>ST</sup> WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY, STRASBOURG** • ECPM positions itself as the uniting organisation for all abolitionist forces from across the world and organises the 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Strasbourg. The event has since been organised every 3 years : in Montreal (2004), Paris (2007), Geneva (2010) and Madrid (2013).

2000



**CREATION OF THE ORGANISATION** • 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 show of strength leads to the creation of the ECPM organisation.