



Global Moratorium on the Death Penalty

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Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN) welcomes the latest United Nations General Assembly vote for the global moratorium on the death penalty. With this vote, the world moves ever closer to a consensus that rejects the death penalty with more member states in favour of a global moratorium.

ADPAN applauds the continued commitment for a global moratorium by states and acknowledges the vote of support for the first time by South Korea, Djibouti, and Lebanon. It is regrettable that countries in the Asia region continue to be the most resistant to the adoption of the global trend towards total abolition of the death penalty.

The death penalty has no place in any modern criminal justice system as it has consistently failed to deliver justice, and proven time and time again to be flawed, discriminatory and ineffective both as punitive and deterrent measures. ADPAN calls for countries that continue to implement the death penalty to take proactive action to review the practice in their respective jurisdictions and join the clear global trend towards abolition of the death penalty.

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ADPAN is the peak regional body for organisations committed to the abolition of the death penalty across Asia-Pacific, with members from approximately 22 countries within the region. As such, ADPAN maintains that the death penalty violates the right to life, that it is the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and that the death penalty should be entirely abolished internationally.