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## **BURKINA FASO**

In view of the 44<sup>th</sup> Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, would like to communicate several points concerning the situation of the death penalty in Burkina Faso.

**The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP)**, an alliance of more than 150 NGOs, bar associations, local authorities, and unions, was created in Rome on 13 May 2002. The aim of the World Coalition is to strengthen the international dimension of the fight against the death penalty. Its ultimate objective is to obtain the universal abolition of the death penalty. To achieve its goal, the World Coalition advocates for a definitive end to death sentences and executions in those countries where the death penalty is in force. In some countries, it is seeking to obtain a reduction in the use of capital punishment as a first step towards abolition.

### **Death penalty, international instruments**

1. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of its UPR, Burkina Faso accepted the recommendations to fully abolish the death penalty in law for all crimes and to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (OP2-ICCPR).
2. As of 5 April 2023, the instruments of ratification of OP2-ICCPR have not been deposited with the United Nations Secretary General.
3. The World Coalition thus urges Burkina Faso to accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

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