

**Mandates of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and the
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

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Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacities as Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 35/15, 34/19.

Our purpose in writing is to offer our congratulations on the decision of your Excellency's Government and Parliament to abolish the death penalty. This landmark step elevates respect for the rights of all Mongolians and places the country at a critical juncture in the advance of rights regionally and globally.

According to the information received:

The last execution in Mongolia was carried out in 2008 and a moratorium was established in 2010.

On 13 March 2012, Mongolia ratified the second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The ratification of this optional protocol committed the State to abolish the death penalty.

On 1 July 2017, the new Criminal Code, which abolishes the death penalty for all crimes, entered into force after it was adopted by the Parliament on 3 December 2015.

The abolition of death penalty is a clear example of positive progress in the enjoyment of human rights, including the right to life and the freedom from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment.

Mongolia's criminal code as it relates to the death penalty constitutes an important milestone for the country and for the abolition of death penalty globally. We are joining our voices to congratulate the Government of Mongolia for having taken this important step and look forward to working closely with Your Government's authorities in their effort to translate this policy into practice and to consolidate it.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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