

First World Congress Against the Death Penalty

Strasbourg - 21, 22 and 23 June 2001

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The Council of Europe building from 8 a.m. on 21 June for Congress participants and journalists

PROGRAM

Thursday June 21 at the Council of Europe

MORNING: GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS

- 9 a.m. **Opening of the international symposium**
(Parliamentary Assembly Chamber of the Council of Europe -PACCE)
Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and *Michel Taube*, President of Ensemble contre la peine de mort, ECPM, (Together Against the Death Penalty).
- 9.20 a.m. **The European Union and the death penalty**
Declaration of the Swedish presidency of the European Union and of the European Commission by *Mr Wilkens*, Swedish ambassador to the European institutions and *Mr Angel Vinas*, Director for Multilateral Relations and Human Rights at the European Commission.
- 9.40 a.m. **The death penalty worldwide**
Sidiki Kaba, President of the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) and *Mahmoud Ben Romdhane*, member of Amnesty International's Executive Committee (AI).
- 10.15 a.m. **The death penalty and worldwide opinion**
Mario Marazziti, spokesman of the Sant'Egidio Community.
- 10.30 a.m. **Geographical survey (three simultaneous workshops)**
General rapporteur: *Ahmed Othmani*, President of Penal Reform International (PRI).
- Workshop 1: European countries and countries with observer status at the Council of Europe (PACCE)**
Chairpersons: *Gunnar Jansson*, Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and *Steven Hawkins*, President of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, (NCADP).
Rapporteur: *Bernadette Forhan*, Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture (ACAT).
Speaker 1: USA: *Ajamu Baraka*, AI.
Speaker 2: Japan: *Dr Koichi Kikuta*, Forum 90.
Speaker 3: Turkey: *Erbas Dogan*, lawyer.
Speaker 4: Russia: *Tamara Morshechkova*, academic.
- Workshop 2: Asia / Middle East (Room 5)**
Chair: *Georges Assaf*, barrister.
Rapporteur: *Annemarie Pieters*, Sant'Egidio Community.
Speaker 1: India: *V.S.T. Shankardass*, lawyer.
Speaker 2: Pakistan: *Dr Mubarak Jamal Mehdi*, Lahore Rehabilitation Centre for Survivors of Torture.
Speaker 3: China: *Dominique Muller*, AI.
Speaker 4: Iran: *Karim Lahidji*, FIDH.
Speaker 5: Saudi Arabia: *Lamri Chirouf*, AI.
Speaker 6: Iraq: *Françoise Brié*, Human Rights Alliance France.
Speaker 7: Palestinian authority: *Raji Sourani*, FIDH.
- Workshop 3: Africa / Caribbean (Room 11)**
Chair: *Marie-Agnès Combesque*, Ligue des droits de l'Homme, (LDH)
Rapporteur: *Mireille Mendes-France*, Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (MRAP) and Association internationale des juristes démocrates.
Speaker 1: South Africa: *William Kerfoot*, lawyer.
Speaker 2: Nigeria and Guinea: *Tierno Sow*, FIDH.
Speaker 3: Caribbean: *Saul Lehrfreund*, lawyer.
Speaker 4: Egypt: *Carsten Jürgensen*, AI.
Speaker 5: Cameroon: *Abena Fouada Felix*, president of the Yaounde chiefs' association.

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AFTERNOON: STRATEGIES TOWARDS ABOLITION

- 1.45 p.m. **Solemn declarations** in the PACCE:
Danielle Mitterrand, President of France Liberté.
Sergio d'Elia, Hands off Cain.
Prof. Agelo Passaleva, Vice-President of Tuscany.
Mgr Paul R. Gallagher, Holy See representative at the Council of Europe.
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- 2.30 p.m. **Strategy workshops**
General Rapporteur: *Michel Tubiana*, President of the LDH.
- Workshop 4: Political strategies (PACCE)**
Chair: *Patrick Baudouin*, President of honour, FIDH.
Rapporteur: *Fabrice Ferrier*, AI.
Speakers: *Ogavit Yunan*, Movement for People's Rights.
Stefania Tallei, Sant'Egidio community.
Elisabeta Zamparuti, Hands off Cain.
Graham R. Watson, Member of the European Parliament.
Gunnar Jansson, Gabriele Juen, AI.
Sam Jordan, Counselor of Afro-American Congressmen.
- Workshop 5: Legal strategies (Room 11)**
Chair: *Denys Robiliard*, President of AI France.
Rapporteur: *Anne Souléliac*, E. Pettiti Association.
Speaker 1: *Saul Lehrsfreund*.
Speaker 2: *Adam Stapleton*, lawyer.
Speaker 3: *Jim Welsh*, medical expert, AI.
Speaker 4: *Paula Skillicorn*, CURE Missouri.
- Workshop 6: Raising public awareness: the role of "intellectuals",
writers and the media (Room 5)**
Chair: *Emma Bonino*, Hands off Cain
Speakers: *Jacques Derrida*, philosopher.
Bruce Shapiro, journalist of The Nation.
Bob Burtman, journalist of Houston Press.
Manuel Delano, El Pais correspondent in Chile.
Fabrice Rousselot, Libération correspondent in the USA.
Tina Kieffer, Editor of the monthly magazine Marie Claire.
- 4.20 p.m.: Break
- 4.45 p.m. **Announcement of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of France's abolition
of the death penalty (PACCE)**
Pierre Tournier, Collectif Octobre 2001.
- 4.55 p.m. **Justice and the death penalty (PACCE)**
Robert Badinter
- 5.15-7p.m. **Testimonies from people once sentenced to death and victims' relatives (PACCE)**
Chairpersons: *Sylvie Bukhari de Pontual*, ACAT, and *Bianca Jagger*.
Speakers: *Kerry Cook*, *Dorothy Miller*, *Sakae Menda*, *Shoji Harata*, *Antoinette Chahine*,
José Giovanni, *Philippe Maurice*, *Thomas Lemaire*, *Robert Meeropol*, *Sandrine Ageorges*.

Friday June 22, Worldwide day of action against the death penalty
MORNING (Parliamentary Assembly Chamber of the Council of Europe)

- 9 a.m. **Mobilizing the legal profession against the death penalty**
Organized by the Paris Bar Association, with *Francis Teitgen*, President of the Paris Bar Association, *Maiko Tagusari*, lawyer of Forum 90, *V.S.T. Shankardass*, member of the New Dehli Bar, *William Kerfoot*, member of the Cape Town Bar, *Pierre de Preux*, President of the Geneva Bar Association and representative of the International Bar Conference, and *Gérard Christol*, Vice-President of the French National Council of Bar Associations.
- 10.15 a.m. **Plea "The death penalty, a legal violation of human rights"**,
by *Constance Jin*, a 17-year-old high school student who was awarded the Caen Peace Memorial - Phosphore Prize. Introduction by *Blatrice Toulon*, Editor of Phosphore.
- 10.30 a.m. **A democratic country and the death penalty:
the case of the United States of America**
Chair: *Robert Badinter*
Speakers: *Rick Halperin*, AI; *Bruce Shapiro*; *Renate Wohlwend*, Special rapporteur for the abolition of death penalty at the Council of Europe; *Angela Davis*, writer and lecturer at Oakland University; *Sam Jordan*; *Steven Hawkins* and *Daniel Jacoby*, FIDH Honourary President.
- 12 a.m. **Closing session of the international symposium**
Summary of regional workshops by the three general rapporteurs:
Ahmed Othmani: regional workshops.
Michel Tubiana: strategy workshops.
Dr Koichi Kikuta: the death penalty and Asia.
- Final declaration of the Congress**
presented by *Michel Taube*, *Sidiki Kaba* and *Mahmoud Ben Romdhane*.

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AFTERNOON (European Parliament)

- 3 p.m. **Formal session at the European Parliament:
Solemn Appeal by the Parliamentary Presidents**
Chaired by *Nicole Fontaine*, President of the European Parliament, and *Lord Russell-Johnston*, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Speeches by *Mahmoud Ben Romdhane*, *Sidiki Kaba*, *Michel Taube* and *Mario Marazziti*
- Speeches by the Presidents of Parliament:**
Austria: *Heinz Fischer* (Nationalrat) et *Gerd Klamt* (Bundesrat).
Belgium: *Armand De Decker*, Senat.
Cambodia: *Prince Norodom Ranariddh* (Radhspeha Ney Preah Recheanachakr Kampuchea).
Chile: *Andrés Zaldívar Larraín* (Senado de la República).
Georgia: *Zurab Zhvania* (Sakartvelos Parlamenti).
Greece: *Apostolos Kaklamanis* (Vouli Ton Ellinon).
Ivory Coast: *Mamadou Koulibaly* (Assemblée Nationale).
Malta: *Anton Tabone* (Il-Kamra Tad-Deputadi).
Portugal: *Antonio De Almeida Santos* (Assembleia da Republica).
Spain: *Luisa Fernanda Rudi* (Congreso de los Diputados).
Ukraine: *Ivan Stepanovych Plioutchek* (Verkhovna Rada);

Closing speech
by *Raymond Forni*, President of the French Assemblée nationale.

Signing of the appeal by the Presidents of Parliament

Saturday June 23

DISCUSSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at the Aubette Centre, organized with FNAC

- 9.30 a.m. **The death penalty and discrimination**
Organized by MRAP with *Diarapha Diallo-Gibert*, lecturer and President of Just Justice, *Marina Rajewski*, lecturer, *Robert Meeropol*, lawyer and director of the Rosenberg's fund for children, and *Dr Georges Federmann*.
- 11 a.m. **History of the death penalty and of its abolition in France**
Organized by the French Human Rights League with *Henri Leclerc*, *Jean-Jacques De Felice*, *Bruce Shapiro* and *Marie-Agnès Combesque* (rapporteur).
- 12.30 p.m. **Abolition of the death penalty - long-term sentences and prison conditions**
Organized by Penal Reform International, co-chaired by *Ahmed Othmani* and *Michel Taube*, with *Anne-Marie Marchetti*, lecturer in sociology, *Dominique Zins*, director of Strasbourg prison and a judge.
Followed by a meeting with writers who will sign copies of their books:
Anne-Marie Marchetti (*Perpétuité. Le temps infini des longues peines*), *Philippe Maurice* (*De la haine à la vie*), *Thomas Lemaire* (*La justice jusqu'à l'absurde*) and *Michel Taube* (*L'Amérique qui tue*).
- 2.00 p.m. **Silent march through the streets of Strasbourg**
- 4.30 p.m. **Meeting around the Mumia Abu Jamal case**
Organized by "L'Humanité" newspaper, Collectif Unitaire and COSIMAPP with *Angela Davis*, *Julia Wright*, COSIMAPP, *René Le Mignot*, Collectif Unitaire, *Sam Jordan*, *Leslie Jones*, lawyer and *Bernard Birsinger*, French MP
Fodé Sylla, MEP, will hand over to Mumia Abu Jamal's representatives the passport for freedoms.
- 6 p.m. **The death penalty, universalism and human rights**
Organized by the International Federation of Human Rights and Amnesty International with *Dany Cohen* and *Florence Bellivier*.
- 7 p.m. **Closing debate: assessment of the congress**
Chaired by *Daniel Riot*, journalist, with *Michel Taube* and many participants of the Congress.

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CULTURAL EVENTS PROGRAM

Thursday June 21, evening

The Festival of Music

Polystyrène and ECPM invite singers to perform songs against the death penalty

Friday 22 from 6 p.m. till midnight

and Saturday 23 from 8 a.m. till midnight

Aubette Center, Place Kleber
Stands for partners, "literary café",
bookshop, exhibitions, debates.

Friday 22 June, 8.30 p.m.

Ecumenical service

at Strasbourg Cathedral with *Mgr Doré*

Saturday 23, 8.30 p.m.

Show sponsored by Charlie-Hebdo

22 and 23 June

Film festival at the Star Saint-Exupéry
Cinema, rue des Jeunes Enfants

Friday 22 June,

special session with José Giovanni

6 p.m.:

Un condamné à mort s'est évadé
(*A Man Escaped*), Robert Bresson

7.45 p.m.:

Mon père (My father), José Giovanni

9.45 p.m.:

Meeting with *José Giovanni*,
the actor *Rufus* and other artists

Saturday 23 June

5 p.m.:

Tu ne tueras point (A short film about killing), Kieslowski

6 p.m.:

Le trône de la mort (The throne of death),
Mirali Nair

8 p.m.:

Jugé coupable (True Crime),
Clint Eastwood