

Advocating with the Executive

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Long term national advocacy goal

- State key officials and leaders of both the ruling and opposition political parties would support **ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR** and **remove all provisions allowing for the imposition of the death penalty** from the Criminal code.

Short term national advocacy goals:

- Parliamentary Assistants to be informed of **issues related to the death penalty** through human rights education.
- A key number of Parliamentarians from both political parties and selected influencers (eg: academics) **to champion the cause of abolition**
- International actors **encourage moves towards abolition**
- **Media engagement** to increase public discussion of abolition
- Parliament members **adopt the law on ratification of the 2nd OP to the ICCPR.**
- President or Government of Mongolia to **initiate a law which removes death sentence as punishment from the criminal code.**

Methodology



Long time advocacy targeting authorities of Mongolia

Make all resource available for debate change

Raise awareness among lawyers, law school students and teachers, civil society organizations, scholars and public.

Approaching the Executive

- Identified key officials likely to support abolition of the death penalty and whose work is relevant
 - Minister of Foreign affairs and Minister of Justice
 - the President and his team, especially Public Relations Officer, and Human Rights and Legal Advisers
 - Working group members on the issue of the reform of the criminal laws

- **Conducted surveys on the attitude of the public opinion and of the lawyers [I would remove this one-we do not believe public opinion survey help]**
- Annual DP statistics

Organized public activities and meetings, press conferences, round table meetings, film discussions, hosted an art exhibition on the gallows, trainings.

Invited representatives of Office of the President and government officials.

Actions targeting the government

- Sent letters to relevant Ministers
- Joint action with other civil society organizations on UPR recommendations
- Meetings with the members of the Working group studying possible reform to the criminal laws
- Media engagement to raise public support
- Raised voices from murder victims families cooperating with MVF for Human Rights
- Amnesty international sections also had membership actions and advocacy with Mongolian embassies in their countries
- TV programmes



Key factors for winning over government officials

- Worked with Ministers who have supported human rights from their student days and who are keen to promote human rights
- Training and actions among lawyers and journalists about international treaties and death penalty
- Strong cases and testimony such as Erdene-Ochir, whose death sentence was upheld three times & he was imprisoned for 7 years
- Promoted popular speeches made by lawyers and survey results to the public



Actions targeting president

- Sent letters and post cards to the President reminding him of his pledge to promote human rights enshrined in UDHR



The 1st president of Mongolia



The 4th president of Mongolia

Actions targeting president

- Meetings with Human Rights and Legal Advisers to the President
- AI Mongolia provided relevant materials, DP statistics and survey results to the President's Office and kept regular contact with relevant officials
- Public actions inviting President's Office to events, exhibitions, conferences, film debate, etc
- Called EU ambassadors and parliamentarians to use their channels to apply pressure for abolition.
- Amnesty International high level meeting with the President.



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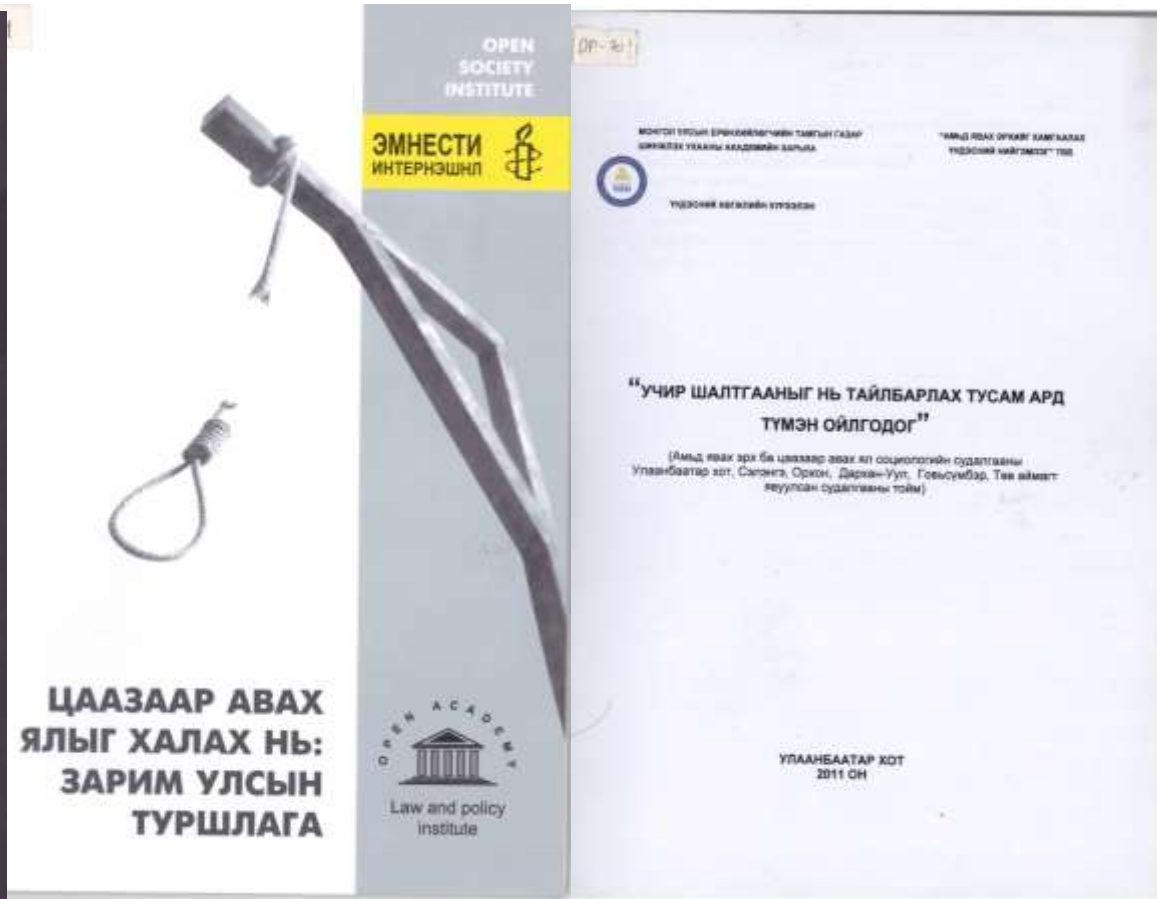


Key factors to reach success

- High level meetings between President and key officials and AI
- Constant approaches to President's team
- International pressure especially EU
- Media engagement



Make all resources available to change debate



Overall Challenges

- Murder victims' families' articles supporting death penalty through media mostly in daily newspapers
- Lack of meaningful consultation and debates at national level and secrecy surrounding issue
- Limited funds to reach public and to organize more awareness raising activities