



WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY OSLO

21ST JUNE, 5:00-7:30 PM OPERA HOUSE, SCENE 1 OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony of the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty is dedicated to the next steps toward abolition. It is the chosen place of expression for states and intergovernmental organisations wishing to testify on their international commitment and progresses in their country regarding the death penalty.

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF:

- **Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein** - United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Stavros Lambrinidis** - European Union Special Representative for Human Rights
- **Børge Brende** - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- **Jean-Marc Ayrault** - Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France
- **Hajah Nancy Shukri** - Minister in the Prime Minister's Department as the Minister in charge of Law, Malaysia
- **Flavien Mbata** - Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Central African Republic
- **Ali Abu Diak** - Minister of Justice, State of Palestine
- **Major General Ashraf Rifi** - Minister of Justice, Lebanon
- **Ang Vong Vathana** - Minister of Justice, Cambodia
- **Christophe Mboso N'Kodia Pwanga** - Deputy Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Armand De Decker** - Minister of State, Belgium
- **Philip Ruddock** - Special Envoy for Human Rights, Australia
- **Ignacio Ybañez** - Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain
- **Benedetto Della Vedova** - Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- **Georges Martin** - Deputy State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
- **Jacques Bilodeau** - Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of Organisation internationale de la Francophonie
- **Robert Badinter** - Former Minister of Justice who abolished the death penalty in France in 1981, former President of the Constitutional Council, International Commission Against the Death Penalty, Honorary Chairman of ECPM, France
- **Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan**, Executive Director of ECPM, France
- **Antonio Stango**, Coordinator of the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, ECPM

ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES:

- *Final Sentence 2003-16* by **Michael O'Donnell**, music from **Luigi Dallapiccola**, "Ciaccona", Intermezzo e Adagio for cello solo (1945), performed by **Jan Koop**.
- *I don't know if I'm strong enough, but I'm not letting go of you*, by **Karoline Aamås** and **Hege Eriksdatter Østefjells**.

Ceremony to be followed by a group photo and a cocktail reception