

# Capital Punishment

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The 12th Triennial Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 4-8 August 1953 in Paris, France:

The XII International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting in Paris, August 4-8th, 1953,

In pursuance of the Appeal for the Abolition of Capital Punishment addressed by the International Chairmen of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to the Governments of the World on January 10, 1953

Urges WILPF National Sections and members to take the lead in creating in their respective countries public opinion strong enough to influence Parliaments and Governments to take the necessary steps for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.

Capital Punishment violates the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and disgraces any community which permits itself the right to send fellow citizens to death.

This Congress regrets the limitations of the present provisions of Article 5 of the Draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights concerning Capital Punishment and urges that this Article be amended to read:

"EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO LIFE SHALL BE PROTECTED BY LAW. THE DEATH PENALTY SHALL BE ABOLISHED."