

MOVING AWAY FROM CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN ASIA

A SIDE EVENT OF THE 39TH ANNUAL FORUM OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

Wednesday, 29 November 2017, 10am-1pm | Milan, Italy

10:00–10:30 OPENING REMARKS

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General of PGA

Video: Testimony from death row

10:30–11:15 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN ASIA

Chair: **Mr. Marco Perduca**, former Senator & former Chair of the PGA National Group (Italy), Associazione Luca Coscioni

Panel: *Disproving the death penalty as a counter-terrorism measure:*
Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan), Co-convenor of PGA's Peace and Democracy Programme; Former Minister of Defense

Framing capital punishment in Muslim-majority countries:
Sen. Taghreed Hikmat, MP (Jordan), PGA Member; former Judge (first woman Judge in Jordan; former Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), UN

Fighting the resurgence of the death penalty:
Sen. Antonio Trillanes (Philippines), PGA Member, Chair of the National Defense and Security Committee and the Civil Service and Government Reorganisation Committee

11:15–11:30 *Short coffee break*

11:30–12:15 TOWARDS ABOLITION: HOW TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN ABOLITIONIST ACTORS

Chair: **Baroness Vivien Stern**, Co-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for the Abolition of the Death Penalty; PGA UK National Group

Panel: *Inter-parliamentary diplomacy about the capital punishment:*
Mr. Ahmed Mahloof, MP (Maldives), PGA Member

Supporting strategic litigation against the death penalty:
Mrs. Zainab Malik, Head of Advocacy at Justice Project Pakistan

12:15–13:00

OPEN DISCUSSIONS & ADOPTION OF AN ACTION PLAN

Co-Chairs:

Mr. Mario Marazziti, MP (Italy), PGA Member, Chair, Social Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputies; Co-founder of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and leading member of the *Comunità di Sant'Egidio*

Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan), Co-convenor of PGA's Peace and Democracy Programme; Former Minister of Defense