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Resolution of the International Prison Chaplains Association (IPCA) **against the death sentence of 528 people in Egypt**

The International Prisons Chaplains' Association (IPCA) is an Ecumenical Christian Association of prison chaplains. IPCA is committed to helping to enhance the care for prisoners and affirms the inherent dignity of every individual held in custody.

IPCA is committed to implementing peace and justice and affirms the obligations of all countries to adopt all the standards recommended by the United Nations.

IPCA asserts the human right to life (article 3 charter of human rights) as a moral principle based on the belief that every human being has the right to live. IPCA denounces the death penalty.

In April of 2014, the IPCA Europe Conference discussed Egypt's decision to sentence 528 persons to death. The group of 47 prison chaplains included Christian, Muslim and Buddhist Chaplains.

Accordingly IPCA condemns the death penalty in all its forms, and calls on Egypt to respect life and stop state sponsored death sentences from being carried out in Egypt.

The steering committee of IPCA Worldwide and the participants of the IPCA Europe conference are shocked by the mass death sentences handed down by an Egyptian court. According to state media reports, in a single hearing, the Minya Criminal Court sentenced 528 supporters of former President Mohamed Morsi to be executed. This is the largest group of simultaneous death sentences anywhere in the world.

IPCA Worldwide urges the Egyptian authorities to overturn the 528 death sentences handed down on 24 March and urges Egypt to order retrials that rigorously adhere to international standards for fair trial without recourse to the death penalty.

IPCA calls on Egypt to commute all confirmed death sentences, and establish a moratorium on executions, as a first step towards abolition.

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