



# THE WALK FOR ABOLITION KIT

A WALK FOR ABOLITION IN THE  
STREETS OF MONTREAL:  
OCTOBER 9 2004, 12.30  
Place des Arts - MONTREAL

Dear friends, dear human rights defenders, dear  
abolitionists,

We are personally contacting you to inform you on "Montreal 2004", the 2nd World Congress against the Death Penalty, holding next October 6th to 9th in Montreal.

With you, we want to organize the biggest demonstration against the death penalty ever seen in America! It's next Saturday October 9th, in Montreal, Canada:

**"The Walk for Abolition": let's take part!**

This Congress aims, with you, at gathering abolitionists from all over the world, facilitating common action and mutual understanding, defining and implementing strategies towards the **universal abolition** of the death penalty.

You might have heard already about this world Congress. Its first version took place in Strasbourg, France, in June 2001, within the two most important European institutions: the European Parliament and the Council of Europe. It succeeded in gathering hundreds of participants, 25 Presidents of Parliament, 5000 demonstrators and over 200 journalists from all over the world.

**But let's get to the point: this abolition kit is the very first step  
of the biggest abolitionist march ever seen in America!**

**NEXT SATURDAY OCTOBER 9**, a spectacular demonstration could raise the omitted issue of both political and media agendas: the capital punishment debate. **HOW TO TAKE PART ?**

**How can I help to make a huge success of this March for Abolition?**

Please just consider the following points as advice... You are naturally free to organize the way YOU want!

**Q: How can my movement be involved in the mobilization?**

A: As a local actor in the sad but daily reality of capital punishment in your state and country, you and you only are legitimate. You and you only detain the capacity to make a great success of this event.

**Q: What can I do to help?**

A: Come and join us next October 9, mobilize your grassroots' members, your community and opinion leaders! Try to create a local *ad hoc* coalition to participate in the "Walk for Abolition".

**Get in touch with your group as soon as possible**, encourage your friends to have a break, and check the number of hours to go to Montreal, it's not such a long trip, and the countryside is so nice in October!

Organize an "Abolition bus" from your city to Montreal (for the 3-days Congress or just for the demonstration!) Contact the closest bus (or plane) company, compare prices, try to negotiate a collective price, book the seats!

Book your hotel / youth hostel rooms / bed and breakfast! – Information on "your stay in Montreal" are regularly publish at [www.montreal2004.org](http://www.montreal2004.org)

For practical information, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Montreal-based ECPM team at: [noel@abolition-ecpm.org](mailto:noel@abolition-ecpm.org) – Telephone: 1 514 864 6389.



### Q: How can I spread the word?

Give out details on the demonstration to your networks, friends, through your newsletters and become The **"Abolition Ambassador"** for the Montreal 2004 demonstration in your geographical level of intervention.

Write a press release and forward it to your local newspapers, radios, TV and websites, informing journalists and opinion leaders on this event and on the form and reason of your participation in the Abolitionist Demonstration.

### Q: Who can I contact?

A: - **Journalists:** you will find some of your local newspapers at: [www.usnpl.com](http://www.usnpl.com) (USA) - [www.start4all.com/newspapers/canada.htm](http://www.start4all.com/newspapers/canada.htm) (Canada)

- **Editorialists:** before/during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress, take the opportunity to send a letter to the editor giving the reasons of your opposition to capital punishment

- **Families of victims and of prisoners sentenced to death,** against the death penalty. A special attention will be dedicated to the families during both the Congress and the Demonstration.

- **Students:** contact students' organizations and/or print leaflets and distribute them at the university

- Local civil liberties **organizations**, minority groups, non-profit organizations, religious organizations, trade-unions, artists, academics...



**Q: Can the Internet be of any help?**

**A1: All the needed information** for the promotion of the Congress can be found on the [press pages](http://www.montreal2004.org) of the [www.montreal2004.org](http://www.montreal2004.org) website! Don't hesitate to forward the links, documents, to publish the [banner](#) and the demonstration information in your own website!

Propose each of your members to send the "abolition kit" to their families, friends, surroundings, networks, with a note on the nature of the march and the form of participation of your organization is planning.

**A2: A new Forum is dedicated to the demonstration:** [www.raidh.org/forum](http://www.raidh.org/forum), in order to facilitate coordination through democratic and effective interactions. This simple interface will allow the Abolition Ambassadors to publish any relevant information related to the mobilization and its logistical aspects at your local level. (eg. Meeting point, date of departure/return, price, media coverage...).

For any further information, send us your name, email, phone number and name of your organization. Contact: [raidh@raidh.org](mailto:raidh@raidh.org)

**Q: What about lobby actions?**

**A:** Yes, please petition your House of Representatives through any relevant lobbying actions: personalized letters, open letter to the Governor and the President of the state parliament.

Bring people to sign the "No to the Death Penalty in America" [petition](#).

This petition will be addressed to the US federal authorities at the end of the demonstration, October 9<sup>th</sup>!



## Imagination in the streets!

### Let's not be naïve!

If we want the *NY times* and CNN to cover the demonstration and bring the abolition of the death penalty issue to an international level, during a Presidential contest and a chaotic post Iraq-war period, we need to be creative!

We'll have to use our imagination to make sense, and noise!

The demonstration ABSOLUTELY needs to be eye-catching! A special symbol, created especially for the occasion, will be declined in all of the information sheets, flyers, T-shirts, buses, posters... Your creativity and ideas are welcome!

**BASIC INFORMATION:** During this demonstration, everybody is expected to be dressed in **BLACK**, as a colour often symbolising death. This does not mean the "walk for abolition" will be sad, mortuary; in the contrary, it will in fact be a huge event in the streets of Montreal!

Every country/state organization will demonstrate according to a specific order, during the demonstration. Send us your registration now: your group could be highly visible if creative!

### During the demonstration

The meeting point is **Place des arts** in front of the building where the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress against the Death penalty will take place. The Demonstration will take place Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 12.30 PM. It will consist in a peaceful but noisy march! **Artists, musicians, human rights activists, trade-unionists, religious community members, minority groups, members of parliaments, citizens from all over the world will attend this demonstration.**

### After the demonstration

You will have the opportunity to make direct connexions with abolitionists from all over the world and be informed on the issues at stake regarding the death penalty debate. It will facilitate global mobilization on issues you want to point out in your state through the World Coalition against the Death Penalty : [www.worldcoalition.org](http://www.worldcoalition.org) . You can also plan to stay an extra day in Montreal, the 10<sup>th</sup> of October being the World Day against the death penalty.



## Q: But what can WE do for YOU?

### Media

Many journalists from all over the world will attend the Congress and the demonstration. This Congress is your opportunity to reach media attention.

Please send us details of any person that could be interviewed on the death penalty issue as having expertise or interesting testimonies to give on the subject in your geographical level of intervention.

The communication team of the World Congress against the Death Penalty will give the contact information of the people willing to be interviewed on the matter to its 4500-journalists database.

Contact: Agnès Brulet : [abrulet@abolition-ecpm.org](mailto:abrulet@abolition-ecpm.org).

### Networking

Participating in the organization of the "Walk for Abolition" will broaden your understanding of all the capital punishment related issues and maximise your advocacy work, before and during the Congress, thanks to our 20.000 subscribers of the World Congress mailing list.

If you want to become part of the signatories to the call for the Demonstration, please send us a mail at [raidh@raidh.org](mailto:raidh@raidh.org) with the name of your organization, logo, address, email contact and telephone. The name of your organization will be published in all of the documents related to the Demonstration

### Logistics

The World Congress will offer the possibility for your organization to raise concerns and information during the demonstration and during the Congress in itself.

**RAIDH** will prepare a stand to be exhibitor during the Congress. We will be happy to give out any documents you want to address to the Congress participants.

For any stand facilities for your own organisation, please contact: [noel@abolition-ecpm.org](mailto:noel@abolition-ecpm.org)



### Who are We ?

Alert and Intervention Network for Human Rights (RAIDH) / Réseau d'Alerte et d'Intervention pour les Droits de l'Homme

[www.raidh.org](http://www.raidh.org) **contact:** [diffusion@raidh.org](mailto:diffusion@raidh.org)

RAIDH is a radical Human Rights organization, founded by young activists coming from a plurality of NGOs and social movements. All militants share the same concern: join together a large number of people through lobbying actions and educational tools to raise awareness on Human Rights to the public and State representatives. RAIDH is a 100% abolitionist organization. RAIDH intends to mobilize all capital punishment fighters to make the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress Against the Death Penalty the last of a macabre series before the universal abolition of the death penalty. In 2004, RAIDH launched its campaign against police brutality in France and published its legal practical pocket-size guide: "Kit Cop".

RAIDH is in charge of coordinating the **WALK FOR ABOLITION** demonstration. This kit does not necessarily signify endorsement of the partners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress against the Death Penalty.





## The organizers of the World Congress against the Death Penalty

**Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort**  
[www.abolition-ecpm.org](http://www.abolition-ecpm.org)

Created in France in 2000 by young publishers, ECPM has a membership of nearly 500, including Bar Associations, local communities and public figures. ECPM has opened offices in New York, Geneva, Brussels, and now in Canada.

## **End to Capital Punishment Movement (ECPM), USA**

**ECPM USA** is an independent organization, which works in tandem with ECPM in Paris. Created in New York in October 2002, ECPM USA has as main objectives:

- To guide and support the public debate against the death penalty by engaging American citizens constructively in constitutional and societal reflections on how to move towards abolition, while gaining a better understanding of why certain American states and citizens are abolitionist.
- To meet abolitionist groups state by state encouraging them to coordinate their efforts and create delegations to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress Against the Death Penalty, in Montreal, Canada.

**Penal Reform International**  
[www.penalreform.org](http://www.penalreform.org)

**PRI** is an international organization registered in 1989 in the Netherlands, with a London-based Head Office. PRI also has offices in Paris, Washington, Moscow, Bucharest, Costa Rica, Nepal, Malawi, Rwanda, Burundi, Georgia, and in Kazakhstan. Through the past 10 years, PRI has developed programs in more than 50 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East, Central and Eastern Europe, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

PRI works towards bringing criminal justice systems more into line with international standards, promoting alternatives to custody and improving access to justice.



## The partners of the World Congress against the Death Penalty

American Civil Liberties Union: [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)

Amnesty International: [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)

Association in Defense of Wrongly Convicted: [www.aidwyc.org](http://www.aidwyc.org)

Association des services de réhabilitation sociale du Québec (ASRSQ) : [www.asrsq.ca](http://www.asrsq.ca)

BBCM Foundation: [www.bbcm.org](http://www.bbcm.org)

Canadian Bar Association (CBA): [www.cba.org](http://www.cba.org)

Canadian Coalition Against the Death Penalty (CCADP): [www.ccadp.org](http://www.ccadp.org)

Centrale des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN): [www.csn.qc.ca](http://www.csn.qc.ca)

Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ): [www.csq.qc.net](http://www.csq.qc.net)

Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC): [www.ccjc.ca](http://www.ccjc.ca)

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants: [www.curenational.org](http://www.curenational.org)

Coalition for Truth and Justice (CFTJ): [www.cftj.be.tf](http://www.cftj.be.tf)

Death Penalty Focus: [www.deathpenalty.org](http://www.deathpenalty.org)

Development and Peace: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) : [www.feuq.qc.ca](http://www.feuq.qc.ca)

Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec (FTQ) : [www.ftq.qc.ca](http://www.ftq.qc.ca)

Institut d'études internationales de Montréal de l'UQAM : [www.ieim.uqam.ca](http://www.ieim.uqam.ca)

International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association (ICDAA): [www.hri.ca/partners/aiad-icdaa/](http://www.hri.ca/partners/aiad-icdaa/)

Journalists for human rights (JHR): [www.jhr.ca](http://www.jhr.ca)

Law Commission of Canada: [www.lcc.gc.ca](http://www.lcc.gc.ca)

Ligue des droits et libertés : [www.liguedesdroits.ca/](http://www.liguedesdroits.ca/)

Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation (MVFR): [www.mvfr.org](http://www.mvfr.org)

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL): [www.criminaljustice.org](http://www.criminaljustice.org)

National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP): [www.ncadp.org](http://www.ncadp.org)

National Film Board of Canada (NFB): [www.nfb.ca](http://www.nfb.ca)

The Aix en Provence Bar Association : [www.barreau-aixenprovence.avocat.fr](http://www.barreau-aixenprovence.avocat.fr)

The Paris Bar Association: [www.avocatparis.org](http://www.avocatparis.org)

The Quebec Bar: [www.barreau.qc.ca](http://www.barreau.qc.ca)

Rights & Democracy: [www.ichrdd.ca](http://www.ichrdd.ca)

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg: [www.rfc.org](http://www.rfc.org)

Salt and light television: [www.jeunescatho.org](http://www.jeunescatho.org)

Sherbrooke University: [www.usherbrooke.ca](http://www.usherbrooke.ca)

Southern Center for Human Rights: [www.schr.org](http://www.schr.org)



More information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress against the Death Penalty:

[WWW.MONTREAL2004.ORG](http://WWW.MONTREAL2004.ORG)

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