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Statistics on the Death Penalty in Africa

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In September 2005 Liberia ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, providing for the total abolition of the death penalty. With the addition of Liberia, **13** African countries have now abolished the death penalty for all crimes; **20** countries retain the death penalty but are no longer carrying out executions; and **20** countries retain and use the death penalty.

The countries are as follows:

Countries that have abolished the death penalty for all crimes

ANGOLA
CAPE VERDE
COTE D'IVOIRE
DJIBOUTI
GUINEA BISSAU
LIBERIA
MAURITIUS
MOZAMBIQUE
NAMIBIA
SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
SENEGAL
SEYCHELLES
SOUTH AFRICA

Countries that retain the death penalty but are no longer carrying out executions

ALGERIA
BENIN
BURKINA FASO
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CONGO (Republic)
ERITREA
GAMBIA
GHANA
KENYA
MADAGASCAR

MALAWI
MALI
MAURITANIA
MOROCCO
NIGER
SWAZILAND
TANZANIA
TOGO
TUNISIA
ZAMBIA

Countries that retain and use the death penalty

BOTSWANA
BURUNDI
CAMEROON
CHAD
COMOROS
CONGO (Democratic Republic)
EGYPT
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
ETHIOPIA
GABON
GUINEA
LESOTHO
LIBYA
NIGERIA
RWANDA
SIERRA LEONE
SOMALIA
SUDAN
UGANDA
ZIMBABWE

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