

Death Penalty

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Summary: In July 2026, Suriname's National Assembly voted to accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. This legislation marks a significant step, after Suriname abolished the death penalty in its Penal Code in 2015 and its Military Penal Code in 2021. Suriname has repeatedly reinforced its commitment to ratifying OP2 and consistently votes in favor of the UN General Assembly resolution for a global moratorium on the death penalty. Authorities must now take the final steps toward becoming a party to OP2.

Suriname must take the final steps to become a party to OP2.

- In July 2026, Suriname's National Assembly unanimously voted to become a party to the Second Optional Protocol. The President, however, has not yet signed the bill to implement accession. Nor has Suriname deposited the instruments of accession with the United Nations in New York.

Recommendations

- The President of Suriname should sign the legislation making Suriname a party to the Second Optional Protocol.
- Suriname should deposit the instruments of accession with the United Nations in New York.
- Suriname should request technical assistance from the Friends of the Second Optional Protocol with the final steps of accession.