AGENDA
TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018

9:30 - 10:00 Welcoming of participants

10:00 - 11:00 OPENING SESSION – Briefing Room (level 2)
- Welcoming address: Hon. Mohamad Ariff Md Yusof, Speaker the Malaysian House of Representatives
- Keynote address: Hon. Kula Segaran, Member of the Malaysian House of Representatives, Chair of PGA’s National Group in Malaysia, Minister of Human Resources
- Keynote address: Hon. Liew Vui Keong, Member of the Malaysian House of Representatives, Minister of Law in the Prime Minister’s Department
- H.E. Mrs. Maria Castillo Fernandez, Ambassador & Head of the European Union Delegation to Malaysia
- Mr. Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan, Executive Director of ECPM
- Ms. Chow Ying Ngeow, Member of the Executive Committee of ADPAN

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 DEMYSTIFYING THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE DEATH PENALTY
Committee Room 2 (Level 2)
Is there scientific evidence that carrying out executions deter the commission of future crimes? Does capital punishment have the same effect on all types of criminality? What psychological, social, or legal mechanisms can be at play to prevent individuals from resorting to crime?
- Chair: Hon. Kasthuri Patto, Member of the Malaysian House of Representatives, Secretary of PGA’s National Group in Malaysia
- Introductory presentation by Ms. Shamini Darshni, Executive Director at Amnesty International Malaysia
- Addressing the factors of criminality, including terrorism and drug-related offences: To be confirmed
- Case study – Pakistan: Mrs. Samana Malaika Raza, Policy and Advocacy Strategist for Justice Project Pakistan

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 14:30 Video

14:30 - 16:00 ABOlISHING DEATH PENALTY: RECLAIMING OUR VALUES
How do value systems appreciate the use of capital punishment? What is the position of the religious beliefs most represented in Asia?
- Chair: Hon. Thomas Su Keong Siong, Member of the Malaysian House Representatives, Treasurer of PGA’s National Group in Malaysia
- Alternative sentencing: Mr. Abdul Rashid Ismail, Lawyer
- Death Penalty and Islam: Dato’ Dr. Ahmad Farouk Musa, Founder and Director, Islamic Renaissance Front
- Case study – the Philippines: Hon. Tomasito Villarin, Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, Member of the Committee on Human Rights

16:00 - 17:00 QUESTION & ANSWER – Interactive discussion
WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2018

8:30 - 9:00 Welcoming of participants

9:00 - 10:30 TAKING STEPS TOWARDS ABOLITION: OPENING NEW PERSPECTIVES
How does the international community and international institutions appreciate the use of the death penalty? Does it impact diplomatic or economic prospects?

• Chair: Hon. Charles Anthony Santiago, Member of the Malaysian House Representatives, PGA Member (tbc)
• The example of the Australian external policy: Senator Dean Smith, Member of the Senate of Australia, Co-Chair of the parliamentary group against the death penalty; & Hon. Chris Hayes, Member of the House of Representatives of Australia, Co-Chair of the parliamentary group against the death penalty
• Death penalty, international trade and tourism: special video message from Ms. Julie Ward, Member of the European Parliament (United-Kingdom), PGA Member; and Mr. Ivo Apostolov, Third Secretary, Political Affairs and Human Rights Focal Point at the Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia
• Case study – Thailand: Mr. Phongtep Thepkanjana, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Justice of Thailand

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 GUARDING ONE’S DIGNITY WHILE LIVING ON DEATH ROW
What are the specific challenges death row inmates face? How does the conditions of detention on death row impact the detainees’ human rights? What measures could be taken to remedy these issues?

• Chair: Hon. Ramkarpal Singh, Member of the Malaysian House of Representatives, PGA Member
• Women on death row: Ms. Suzana Norlihan, Lawyer
• Setting and implementing minimum standards for detention on death row: Dato’ Mah Weng Kwai, Commissioner at SUHAKAM (Human Rights Commission of Malaysia)
• Case study – India: Ms. Maitreyi Misra, Founding Member and Member of the Executive Steering Committee of Project 39A, National Law University Delhi

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS AND ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

• Chair: Hon. Kasthuri Patto, Member of the Malaysian House of Representatives, Secretary of PGA’s National Group in Malaysia
• Secretariat: Ms. Marion Chahuneau, Legal Officer, PGA’s International Law and Human Rights Programme
• Closing remarks: Hon. Kasthuri Patto, Member of the Malaysian House of Representatives, Secretary of PGA’s National Group in Malaysia