

## DECLARATION of Sao Paulo

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Within the framework of the 22nd. International Seminar organized by the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences and inspired by the lectures and discussions that took place there, the presidents and directors of the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), the International Society of Criminology (ISC), the International Society of Social Defense (SIDS), as well as the directors of the Latin American Association of Criminal Law and Criminology (ALPEC) and the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences, meeting there, declare the following:

1. The increase in the numbers and rates of homicide and murders reveals, in some countries, worrying and unsustainable realities that require strong and well-planned interventions by the responsible governments, aimed at their prevention and reduction. State violence, whose lethality reaches inconceivable numbers and rates, also appears, in a scandalous way, in this pattern of criminality, beyond what is attributable to the offenders themselves. It is indispensable that the responsible governments introduce policies and protocols to correct the practice of extrajudicial executions, which additionally, in no small measure, are inspired by racism; and adopt protocols to control, correct and sanction its agents and policy makers. This is also required in the case of the forced disappearance of persons. We especially raise our most energetic protest directed to the new president of the Philippines, who, in a country that abolished the death penalty, urged his officers and agents to kill over 1800 people in just seven weeks in office.

2. The state of prisons in many countries continues to be tragic, with overcrowded jails, often the product of irrational and cruel policies of mass incarceration and life sentences, subjecting the prisoners to inhumane conditions and to the control of their

own criminal organizations and their violence. We commend the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the update to the Minimum Rules that, from now on, will be called precisely "the Mandela rules." When the minimum standards are violated, prison is only inhuman and degrading treatment or torture. We also call for the immediate closure of illegal prisons, like for example Guantánamo.

3. We share the concern for the crimes of contemporary terrorism, devoid of all compassion, and express our solidarity with the victims. At the same time we warn that, at times, there is a nefarious partisan political abuse and media exploitation in the construction and development of policies addressing this issue.

4. The damages caused by the recent international financial crisis are of such magnitude that the call for scrutinizing the criminal liability of corporations and complicit governments should be acted upon.

5. We demand a decisive fight against corruption, transparent, without manipulation and with strict respect for the general legal guarantees of the due process model in order to ensure the effective prosecution of its perpetrators and the return of the funds embezzled. We also demand the abolition of tax havens, where funds generated by tax fraud and organized crime are often hidden.

6. We support the post 2015 development goals of the United Nations, and especially the elimination of poverty and racism, and their demand for the equitable distribution of wealth and social welfare and the protection of the environment and human rights, as well as that of the First Nations.

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