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[JURIST] Taiwanese Justice Minister [Wang Ching-feng](#) [official profile] resigned Thursday in defense of her position against the death penalty. Though Taiwan has not executed a criminal since 2005, Wang said she [would not sign](#) [BBC report] the execution warrants of any of the [44 prisoners](#) [Taiwan News report] still on death row. Her resignation was sparked by [possible criticism](#) [Reuters report] of her position by the office of Taiwanese President [Ma Ying-jeou](#) [JURIST news archive], a member of her own Kuomintang party. Three-fourths of Taiwanese citizens favor the death penalty. Taiwanese Premier Wu Den-yih has already [appointed a replacement](#) [CNA report].

In February, UN Under-Secretary-General [Sergei Ordzhonikidze](#) [official profile] praised the [increase in the number of countries](#) [JURIST report] that have suspended or abolished the death penalty. Speaking at the [4th World Congress Against the Death Penalty](#) [FIDH backgrounder] in Geneva, Ordzhonikidze expressed hope that countries that have not abolished the death penalty would adopt the 2007 [UN Resolution 62/149](#) [text], placing a moratorium on the use of capital punishment.

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