**INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF THE DEATH PENALTY REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

With regard to the issue of death penalty in the Republic of Armenia, on August 1, 2003 the new Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia entered into force and **death penalty was removed** from the General Part of the Code.

On April 18, 2003 the new Criminal Code replaced the death penalty with the sentence of life imprisonment. The 2003 Criminal Code also included the provision, in Article 16(4), “that a person accused of committing a crime cannot be extradited to another country, if the legislation in that country envisages the death penalty for the given crime, without Armenia receiving assurances from that country that the death penalty will not be executed.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

Moreover, according to the Article 24 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia: “Everyone shall have the right to life. No one may be arbitrarily deprived of his or her life. No one may be **sentenced or subjected to death penalty**.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. The Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia, <https://www.unodc.org/res/cld/document/armenia_criminal_code_html/Armenia_Criminal_Code_of_the_Republic_of_Armenia_2009.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, <https://www.president.am/en/constitution-2015/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)