



STOP THE DEATH PENALTY: THE WORLD DECIDES

**10 October 2007
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- Provides no added value to the deterrence of crime;
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We invite all government to work for a world free of executions as a contribution to the enhancement of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights. We call upon the member states of the United Nations General Assembly to overwhelmingly vote in favour of an international moratorium on executions.

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