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JOINT STATEMENT ON THE DEATH PENALTY

**As delivered by HSH Ambassador Maria-Pia Kothbauer
at the 982nd meeting
of the OSCE Permanent Council**

Vienna, 30 January 2014

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this joint statement in response to the statements on the sentence and application of the death penalty on behalf of Iceland, Mongolia, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

„We are concerned about the death sentence pronounced to Aleysander Grunow by the Homyel Regional Court in Belarus on 24 December 2013, the execution of Dennis McGuire in the US state of Ohio on 16 January 2014 and the execution of Edgar Tamayo Arias in the US state of Texas on 22 January 2014.

We are particularly concerned by the conditions under which they took place, in particular with regard to the respect of international obligations, guarantees of fair trial and the methods of execution applied. We call upon Belarus and the United States to respect their commitments.”

Thank you Mr. Chairman.