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Joint Statement on the Death Penalty in the United States

Thank you, Chairperson

I deliver this statement on behalf of Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

It has come to our attention that an execution date has been scheduled in the case of Mr. Terrance Williams in Pennsylvania for 3 October 2012.

The Governments of Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein are opposed to capital punishment in any case and strive for its universal abolition. If taking place, the execution of Mr. Terrance Williams would break a long-lasting *de facto* moratorium in the State of Pennsylvania, where the last execution took place on 6 June 1999.

We would like to point to the resolution by United Nations General Assembly in 2007, urging all nations that still use the death penalty to establish a moratorium on executions. Subsequently the General Assembly reaffirmed its commitment with the adoption of similar resolutions on the topic in 2008 and 2010. This autumn a new resolution will be presented. This document will be another key milestone proving the global trend towards universal abolition of capital punishment.

We urge the delegation of the United States of America to convey our concerns to the state of Pennsylvania in order for the authorities concerned to maintain the *de facto* moratorium, and intervene on behalf of Mr. Terrance Williams.

Thank you, Chairperson