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by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest execution in Indonesia

The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"I regret the execution of the Pakistani death row inmate, Muhammad Abdul Hafeez, in Indonesia on 17 November 2013. This is the fifth execution since Indonesia resumed executions this year. This is a step backwards and goes against the global abolitionist trend. The European Union calls on Indonesia to return to its previous moratorium policy, and to consider joining the wide community of states that have abolished the death penalty entirely. The EU is opposed to capital punishment in all cases and without exception, and has consistently called for its universal abolition."