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by the Spokesperson on the recent executions in Singapore

"We deeply regret the recent execution in Singapore of two death row inmates Foong Chee Peng and Tang Hai Liang, convicted of drug trafficking. These executions ended the unofficial extension of the moratorium which was in place between July 2011 and December 2012.

The capital punishment can never be justified. The European Union opposes capital punishment under all circumstances and calls for its universal abolition.

We therefore call on the Singaporean authorities to reinstate a moratorium on executions as a first step towards the universal abolition of the death penalty, in line with global developments."

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