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Please join us for the first edition of the **EU@UNTalks** series on Human Rights; a platform for interactive discussions on topics on the global human rights agenda, taking in experiences from different corners of the world. EU@UNTalks is part of the year-long #EU4HumanRights campaign.

DEATH PENALTY – global trends and national pathways

In 1945, eight countries had abolished the death penalty. In 1978, that number had increased to 16. Today the vast majority of countries have either abolished the death penalty or established moratoriums. As of December 2015, over 140 countries, or more than 2/3 of all States, were abolitionist in law or practice.

In our discussion, we want to look at how the world has been moving away from the death penalty and what the global outlook might be. What national pathways exist to ending the death penalty? What role do moratoriums and national debates play on the way to abolition? Is this trend sustainable in the long-term or can it be reversed? These are some of the issues we aim to discuss with our distinguished speakers and members of the audience during this interactive session hosted at the European Union Delegation.

Host: H.E. Mr. João Vale de Almeida, Ambassador of the European Union to the United Nations

Discussants:

H.E. Mr. Sidiki Kaba, Minister of Justice of Senegal

Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights

Mr. Ivan Šimonović, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

Moderator: Mr. Bernard E. Harcourt, Professor of Law, Professor of Political Science, and Director, Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University

Date and time: Monday 11 July at 6pm – 7.30pm, followed by a reception

Venue: EU Delegation, 666 Third Avenue, 31st floor

RSVP: mandatory by Friday 8 July, email venise.greffine@eeas.europa.eu

There will be consecutive interpretation from French to English. Seating is limited.

