

Mr. Leroy Brownlee, Chairman

Arkansas Parole Board
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Dear Chairman,

The European Union (EU) takes note of the fact that Mr. Jack Harold Jones Jr. is scheduled for execution in the State of Arkansas on March 16, 2010. The EU, represented by the local Presidency in the United States, wishes to make an urgent humanitarian appeal on behalf of Mr. Jones.

The European Union recalls its opposition to the use of capital punishment under all circumstances and accordingly aims at its universal abolition; seeking a global moratorium on the use of the death penalty as a first step. The EU believes that the death penalty is cruel and inhuman, therefore the abolition of such a punishment, is essential to protect human dignity and the progressive development of human rights.

The execution of Mr. Jones would break the de-facto moratorium currently in place in the State of Arkansas, where the last execution occurred on 28, November, 2005.

We believe that any miscarriage of justice, or failure of the judicial system in the application of the death penalty, represents an irreparable loss of human life. No legal system is immune from error, nor is there any reliable evidence to support the argument that the death penalty is a deterrent to serious crime.

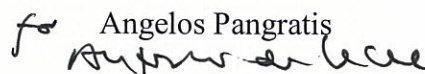
The European Union also notes that in November, 2008, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on the death penalty, which reaffirms its Resolution adopted in December 2007, expressly asking all countries that still use the death penalty to institute a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Taking account of these factors, we respectfully urge you, Mr. Chairman, to recommend to the Governor that the de-facto moratorium, currently in place within the State of Arkansas, be maintained, and to exercise all powers vested in your office to grant Mr. Jack Harold Jones Jr. relief from the death penalty.



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