



European Union
Delegation to Singapore

EU Local Statement on the death penalty case of Mr Micheal Anak Garing in Singapore

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The European Union Delegation to Singapore issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission and the Head of Mission of Norway.

The European Union (EU) calls on the Singapore authorities to halt the execution of Mr Micheal Anak Garing, to commute his sentence to a non-capital sentence and to adopt a moratorium on all executions.

Today, more than two thirds of the countries of the world have become abolitionist in law or practice which confirms a global trend towards abolition of the death penalty. The EU holds a principled position against the death penalty and is opposed to the use of capital punishment under any circumstances. No compelling evidence exists to show that the death penalty serves as a deterrent to crime more efficient than imprisonment. Furthermore, any errors - inevitable in any legal system - are irreversible. The EU will continue supporting the universal trend towards the eradication of the death penalty.