



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to EU Statement on the Death Penalty

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We take note, as always, of the opposition of the EU and Norway to the death penalty, as well as of their intervention in the case of Mr. Percy Levar Walton. I would simply note here, that in October 1997 Mr. Walton pleaded guilty to four counts of capital murder, and was sentenced to death. Two professionals who examined Mr. Walton before his trial did not find him to suffer from any mental illness, and Mr. Walton was subsequently deemed competent to stand trial.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.