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#### **EU Statement on the abolition of death penalty in Mongolia**

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The vote last week by the Parliament of Mongolia in favour of a new Criminal Code that abolishes the death penalty for all crimes is truly excellent news. Capital punishment is a cruel and inhuman punishment which fails to deter criminal behaviour and which represents a grave denial of human dignity and integrity.

Taking effect from September 2016, this formal legal step follows on from the moratorium on the use of the death penalty that has been applied in Mongolia since January 2010. The European Union hopes that other countries in the region will follow Mongolia's example and support the objective of working towards universal abolition of the death penalty.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\* and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, as well as UKRAINE, ARMENIA and ANDORRA align themselves with this statement.

\* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.