



## **EUROPEAN UNION**

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#### **EU statement on the abolition of the death penalty in the US State of Connecticut**

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The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement issued by the High Representative Catherine Ashton, on the abolition of the death penalty in the US State of Connecticut, on 26 April 2012 in Brussels:

“The European Union warmly welcomes the signing by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on 25 April 2012 of the legislation abolishing the death penalty in the State of Connecticut. The European Union congratulates the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives on this historic decision, making Connecticut the 17th State in the United States to abandon capital punishment. The European Union strongly hopes that this decision will encourage other US States to follow suit in joining the growing national and worldwide movement towards the abolition of the use of capital punishment.

The European Union considers that the abolition of the death penalty contributes to the enhancement of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights.”