

Resolution on the initiative for a universal moratorium on the death penalty

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Ministers discussed current activities aimed at bringing forward in the UN General Assembly the issue of abolishing the death penalty, notably on the basis of a briefing by the Presidency. They noted that the EU would keep this issue high on the EU and the international agenda and would carefully explore prospects for relaunching consideration of this important question in UN fora. The Presidency will actively continue to implement the EU action plan on the death penalty adopted in February, notably to elicit additional support for the UN declaration against the death penalty.

The Council will decide on possible further steps on the basis of an assessment of the outcome of the EU action plan.