

I am writing this to express my grave concern on death row prisoners who were recently moved to Nusakambangan prison island.

I am calling on the authorities to immediately halt plans to carry out any executions.

I am urging them to establish a moratorium on all executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty and to commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment.

Let me remind them that drug-related offences do not meet the threshold of the “most serious crimes” to which the use of the death penalty must be restricted under international law and that international safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty must be strictly observed in all capital cases.

Your attention would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,