

I am writing to express my deep concern that two people are at risk of being executed after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. One of them is Serge Atlaoui, a French national and the other is Mary Jane Veloso, a Filipino national.

I urge you to halt immediately any plans to carry out the executions of Serge Atlaoui and Mary Jane Veloso who are under sentence of death, and to commute all death sentences.

I further urge you to establish a moratorium on all executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

I also point out that there is no convincing evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than other punishments and that the decision to resume executions has set Indonesia against the global trend towards abolition of the death penalty and your country's own progress in Asia.

Sincerely yours,