

I am writing to express my grave concern on Siarhei Vostrykau who is the last known prisoner on death row in Belarus after the authorities executed the other remaining three prisoners on death row on 5 November. I believe that Siarhei Vostrykau is at imminent risk of execution.

I am urging President Lukashenka to halt the execution of Siarhei Vostrykau and immediately commute his death sentence.

I am calling on President Lukashenka to establish an immediate moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

I should stress that whilst we are not seeking to downplay the seriousness of the crime, research shows that the death penalty does not deter crime more than other forms of imprisonment and is the ultimate denial of human rights.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,