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Dear Chairman,

It has been brought to the attention of the 27 member states of the European Union that Mr. Troy Davis, a U.S citizen, is scheduled to be executed on September 23 in Georgia.

Representing the European Union, France, as the current president of the European Council, together with the Czech Republic, the subsequent President, as well as the European Commission, writes to make an urgent humanitarian appeal on behalf of Mr. Troy Davis.

Public opinion in Europe, responding to the calls of Mr. Davis's family and civil organizations, has expressed a keen sensitivity to his fate since he was sentenced to death by a Georgian Court in 1991.

Convinced that, throughout the proceedings, many serious doubts were raised on his culpability and recalling that any miscarriage or failure of justice in the application of the death penalty represents an irreparable and irreversible loss of human life, prominent Europeans from our member states and members of the European Parliament in a resolution dated July 10, 2008 have solemnly called on the competent American authorities not to execute Mr. Troy Davis.

We therefore respectfully urge you, Mrs. Chairman, to take all the aforementioned factors into account and to exercise all powers vested in your office to commute Mr. Davis' sentence.

Very truly yours,

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Ambassador of France

Petr Kolar
Ambassador
of the Czech Republic

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