

Graham Hart on behalf of the North Norfolk Amnesty International Group

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Mr Koji Tsuruoka Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

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Your Excellency,

As Members of the North Norfolk Group of Amnesty International we have been campaigning for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty for many years. As you can imagine we do consider Japan, as a modern and forward-looking nation, a country where we hope to see change.

Not wishing to be accused of being ill-informed or lacking cultural understanding we would welcome the opportunity to meet with a member of your ambassadorial team. We wish to understand why Japan holds so firmly to the death penalty and why it is considered a valid element of your penal system.

If such a meeting is possible, with just one or two of our membership, it would be most welcome.

With kind regards,

Graham Hart and Members