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Dear Secretary

Firstly, I wish to encourage the work of the Committee in its enquiry into Australia's efforts in promoting the abolition of the death penalty. Could the Committee use any results of this review to inform the community at large of the status of Australia's involvement, and to identify gaps which might be followed.

Secondly, I would like to urge the Australian Government to continue any ongoing actions to discourage the practice of capital punishment, particularly by those we might call our Allies. I am thinking particularly of the United States.

I would not support the idea of tying abolition to Trade and other Treaties, should this be suggested.

Perhaps liaisons could be formed with organizations with like aims, like The Benenson Society and *Pax Christi*.

Yours respectfully