

# Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">2003/2571(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on the initiative in favour of a universal moratorium on the death penalty in the context of the UN		
Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
23/10/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0461/2003</a>	Summary
23/10/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/2571(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 132-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0441/2003</a>	22/10/2003	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0442/2003</a>	22/10/2003	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0443/2003</a>	22/10/2003	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0444/2003</a>	22/10/2003	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0447/2003</a>	22/10/2003	EP	
Joint motion for resolution		<a href="#">RC-B5-0441/2003</a>	22/10/2003		
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		<a href="#">T5-0461/2003</a> OJ C 082 01.04.2004, p. 0322-0609 E	23/10/2003	EP	Summary

Resolution on the initiative in favour of a universal moratorium on the death penalty in the context of the UN

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on a universal moratorium on the death penalty. It expressed its concern about the threat of execution that hangs over thousands of people in the world, but was encouraged by the fact that the number of abolitionist countries has continued to rise in recent years. The Italian Presidency of the Council informed the Parliament that one of its political priorities as regards foreign policy was the adoption by the UN's General Assembly of a resolution establishing a moratorium on capital punishment. The deadline for the submission of a text on this topic is 7 November 2003. Parliament asked the Council Presidency to take swift action to ensure that a resolution calling for a universal moratorium on capital punishment is submitted to the UN General Assembly currently in session in New York. It urges the EU institutions and the Member States to make every endeavour in the political and diplomatic spheres to ensure the most appropriate support for this resolution within the UN General Assembly.?