



Working Paper: Sticks and Stones will Break your Bones

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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that each nation has the right to decide on its own domestic policies, traditions and values;

Taking into account that some crimes such as i.e. murder, rape, terrorism, child molestation, treason, espionage, desertion, and war crimes may warrant capital punishment as a measure to ensure national and international safety;

Recognises the wrongdoings of imperialist powers in the past and their resulting incompetence to discuss this topic;

Reaffirming the legal sovereignty of every country within its own borders;

Expressing sorrow about Western imperialists trying to interfere in others' domestic politics;

Acknowledging that the UN Declaration of Human Rights does not necessarily have to be the highest or sole model of a charter of equality and liberty for all human beings, given the Western origin and orientation of the Declaration and the assumptions of "universality" on which it is based on;

Further recalling that nations may have equal valid alternative conceptions of human rights in which capital punishment may be justifiable;

The General Assembly,

1. **Stresses** the need to respect traditional methods and cultural practices that have been preserved for centuries in the respective countries, whilst recognising the need to implement 21st century technology and prosecution procedures
2. **Recognises** the importance of deterring perpetrators from committing heinous crimes through:
 - a. upholding a stringent standard of the rule of law in every country,
 - b. enabling every state to react to potential threats according to its own needs and priorities,
 - c. allowing punitive legislation to be in accordance with the severity of the crime committed;
3. **Recommends** countries choosing to uphold capital punishment to consider more humane conditions under its enforcement, such as but not limited to:
 - a. Lethal injection,
 - b. Chlorine vapor,
 - c. Carbon monoxide;
4. **Advises** member states who do not wish to abolish the capital punishment to:
 - a. Reduce the frequency of capital punishment as a sentence,
 - b. Inform death row prisoners of the date of their death in advance as to allow their relatives to prepare;
5. **Supports** a potential settlement with the family of the convicted inmate to drop the punishment of any crime to a lesser sentence;
6. **Encourages** the sharing of legal data on the enforcement of capital punishment;

7. **Ensures** that capital punishment only be based on valid and accurate evidence, based on the domestic law of the state;
8. **States** that a government committee constantly reviews death row cases in order to make recommendations regarding the eventual decisions on capital punishment in due time;
9. **Recognises** the need for fair trials including adequate legal representation in any and all court cases;
10. **Decides** to remain seized on the matter.