



Order 574 (2001)<sup>1</sup>

## Abolition of the death penalty in Council of Europe observer states

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, referring to [Resolution 1253 \(2001\)](#) on the abolition of the death penalty in Council of Europe Observer states, resolves to pay special attention to the issue of the death penalty in procedures relating to the granting of Observer status with the Assembly or the Council of Europe as a whole, and to seize for opinion the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in every such procedure.
2. The Assembly instructs its Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and its Political Affairs Committee to enter into a dialogue with parliamentarians from Japan and the United States of America (both state and federal), in order to support legislators in their endeavours to institute moratoria on executions and abolish the death penalty, and in order to engage the opponents of abolition in an informed debate.
3. The Assembly instructs the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to report back to it on the progress, or lack of progress, in the implementation of the Assembly's demands by Japan and the United States of America following expiration of the deadline fixed in [Resolution 1253](#).

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1. Assembly debate on 25 June 2001 (17th Sitting) (see [Doc. 9115](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mrs Wohlwend) Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 June 2001 (17th Sitting).

