



Recommendation 1522 (2001)¹

Abolition of the death penalty in Council of Europe observer states

Parliamentary Assembly

The Parliamentary Assembly refers to [Resolution 1253 \(2001\)](#) on the abolition of the death penalty in Council of Europe Observer states, and recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

1. initiate a dialogue with Japan and the United States of America on the Assembly's requirements of immediately improving conditions on "Death Row" and instituting without delay a moratorium on executions with a view to the future abolition of the death penalty in both countries;
2. consider which measures it might take to encourage compliance by Japan and the United States of America with the Assembly's resolution;
3. ensure that, henceforth, Observer status with the Organisation is granted only to countries which strictly respect a moratorium on executions or have already abolished the death penalty.

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).

