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Further information on EXTRA 16/93 (AMR 29/02/93, 18 February 1993) - Possible Reintroduction of the Death Penalty

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The motion to ratify a constitutional reform extending the application of the death penalty was defeated in the Salvadorian Legislative Assembly on 19 February 1993.

The vote on the motion followed a heated debate which is reported to have centred around the need for measures to combat violent crime, said to be on the increase since the end of the war in 1992.

According to initial reports, the defeated motion will now be studied by a parliamentary commission. For the time being, no further action is requested from the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.