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Public Statement

Press Reports on Lord Hoffman Regarding the Issue of the Death Penalty

The Independent, a UK newspaper, published a story on 23rd January highlighting the involvement of Lord Hoffman, a Director of Amnesty International Charity Ltd, in “rulings that have helped to send 13 men to the gallows over the past 15 months”.

Lord Hoffman sits as a judge in the Privy Council in a capacity completely independent of Amnesty International.

Amnesty International has recently disagreed with some of the ways in which the Privy Council has interpreted the obligations of states in the Caribbean under the Inter-American system for the protection of human rights, on issues related to the death penalty.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty under all circumstances and has been campaigning for its abolition throughout the world.

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