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Death Penalty: Exonerated Death Row Survivors speak at United Nations - Tuesday 16 October 2007

(New York) Three men who were on death row and later proved innocent will visit the United Nations to share their personal account of facing execution for a crime which they did not commit.

The three exonerated death row survivors who will take part in a panel discussion are:

- o Edmary Mpagi, a Ugandan who was sentenced to death for murdering someone who was later found to be alive;
- o Sakae Menda, the first Japanese prisoner to be released from death row after being found innocent in 1983; and,
- o Ray Krone, the first US man who was sentenced to death and later proved innocent by DNA testing.

Piers Bannister, Amnesty International's expert on the death penalty, will join the panel discussion which will be chaired by Yvonne Terlingen, Amnesty International's Head of UN Office.

During their visit the three exonerated men will lobby UN delegates to support a resolution for an immediate moratorium on executions which will be considered at the UN General Assembly currently in session.

Interviews with Piers Bannister and the survivors will be possible directly after the panel discussion.

Details

Venue: ECOSOC Room, UN Building, New York

Date: Tuesday 16 October 2007

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m, EST New York Time

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