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World Day Against the Death Penalty: Thursday 10 October 2013

**** Amnesty International death penalty experts available for interview****

****Briefing on Crime, Public Safety and the Death Penalty to be published****

On World Day Against the Death Penalty on 10 October, Amnesty International publishes a new briefing that highlights why the death penalty is no deterrent for serious crime.

The theme for the 11th World Day Against the Death Penalty is crime and public safety with a focus on the English-speaking Caribbean.

When faced with spiralling crime rates or emotional reactions from the public after heinous murders, politicians often present the death penalty as a “quick-fix” despite the lack of any convincing evidence.

Instead effective policing, fair, functioning criminal justice systems, and improvements in education and employment levels have been proven to be key in reducing levels of crime.

Countries that execute remain a small minority - 140 countries have abolished the death penalty in law or practice.

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