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**PORTUGAL Proposed constitutional change could put extradited
prisoners at risk of
death penalty**

Amnesty International has received confirmation that the proposed amendment to Article 33 of the Portuguese Constitution has been abandoned.

Article 33(4) of the new constitution, which was approved at the beginning of September, now states explicitly that "Extradition is not allowed either for political motives or for crimes which, in the law of the requesting state, would carry the death penalty or involve any other irreversible injury to a person's physical integrity."

Amnesty International welcomes this news and wishes to thank all members of the Urgent Action Network who participated in this action and contributed to the positive outcome. No further action is requested.