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## Death penalty for medical staff in Libya is an abomination

Declaration by Council of Europe Secretary General

Strasbourg, 19.12.2006 - The Council of Europe is opposed to executions in any circumstances, but the conduct of the Libyan authorities in this tragic case deserves a particularly strong and unequivocal condemnation.

The children affected by HIV gained nothing from this show-trial which has distracted the attention from their desperate need for proper assistance and medical care.

The only decent course of action now is to liberate the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor and concentrate on helping these children.

## la peine de mort pour le personnel médical en Libye est une abomination

Déclaration du Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe

Strasbourg, 19.12.2006 – Le Conseil de l'Europe dénonce les exécutions en toutes circonstances, mais la conduite des autorités libyennes dans cette tragédie appelle une condamnation particulièrement énergique et sans équivoque.

Les enfants contaminés par le virus du sida n'ont rien obtenu de ce simulacre de procès qui a détourné l'attention de leur énorme besoin d'aide et de soins médicaux.

La seule conduite acceptable à tenir à présent est de libérer les cinq infirmières bulgares et le médecin palestinien et de s'employer à aider les enfants.

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