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### A victory for civilisation:

***Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis on the abolition of the death penalty in New Mexico***

Strasbourg, 19.03.2009 - I congratulate Governor Bill Richardson and the people of New Mexico on this courageous decision. Fourteen US states have abolished the death penalty, and several others are considering it. The tide is turning and the end of this cruel and inhuman form of punishment in the United States is only a matter of time.

**Abolition de la peine de mort au Nouveau-Mexique : « c'est une victoire pour la civilisation », déclare Terry Davis, Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe**

Strasbourg, 19.03.2009 - Je félicite le Gouverneur Bill Richardson et le peuple du Nouveau-Mexique pour cette décision courageuse. Aux Etats-Unis, 14 Etats ont aboli la peine de mort et plusieurs autres envisagent de le faire. L'abolition gagne du terrain et la fin de cette forme de châtiment cruelle et inhumaine dans ce pays n'est qu'une question de temps.

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