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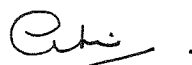
*De Keith Taylor,*

Thank you for your letter on the tragic execution of Troy Davis on 21 September.

I confirm that, following consultations by the Committee on common rules for the export of products, annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 will be amended before the end of 2011. As a result, certain drugs which could be used for the execution of human beings by means of lethal injection will be subjected to export controls.

This is a first step in a process of reviewing Regulation 1236/2005. It will be followed by a review of the entire Regulation, which is scheduled for next year. Within the framework of this review, the Commission will assess whether the 'catch-all' clause would be compatible with the Union's WTO commitments.

*Sincerely,*



Catherine Ashton