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MEP Sir Graham Watson (ALDE, UK): "I deplore calls for death penalty in India gang rape case"

MEP Sir Graham Watson (ALDE, UK), Chair of the European Parliament's delegation for relations with India commented on the prosecution's call for the death penalty for the four men convicted of a fatal gang rape on a Delhi bus last December.

Full statement below

"However heinous the crime, however strong the evidence, the state should never take somebody's life."

Note to editors: The sentence will be pronounced tomorrow, Friday 13 September 2013.

"The rule of law must be above and beyond media storms and public outpouring of outrage and emotion, no matter how justified that rage is in this terrible case. I deplore the use of capital punishment in India and I deplore widespread calls for its use in this case."

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