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QUESTION TO THE EEAS / COMMISSION

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1. Question tabled by Barbara Lochbihler

Taiwan's execution of six people in December last year makes a mockery of the authorities' stated commitment to abolish the death penalty. The men were executed on December 21 by pistol shots to the head and heart in three prisons across Taiwan, without prior notification to families or lawyers. South China Morning Post reported that a hospital harvested organs and other body parts from one of the six executed death row inmates.

In 2011 five people were executed and 55 people are awaiting execution and have exhausted all appeals.

Did the EEAS protest against these executions?

Does the EEAS see any concrete action being taken to move forward in Taiwan's goal of abolishing the death penalty or is this goal mere lip service?

How and when does the EEAS raise the issue of death penalty during its contacts with Taiwan authorities?