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Subject: Murder of Davide Giri: Europe remembers a European citizen killed on grounds of race in the US

Davide Giri, an Italian student at Colombia University, was recently murdered in New York.

The perpetrator, 25-year-old Vincent Pinkney, is a member of a ruthless local gang who has been arrested several times for violent crimes and was at large despite being suspected of having committed an assault just prior.

According to a number of Italian newspapers, Pinkney killed Giri on grounds of race, targeting a white male because of his hatred for white people.

The murder of the young Italian has not received the same media coverage as other barbarous acts of this kind have in the past, adding to the bitterness and heart-break surrounding the tragedy.

George Floyd's death, for instance, led to months of protest of various forms – from acts being adopted in Parliament to athletes taking the knee before competing – calling for an example made through the sentencing.

In view of the above:

- 1. What does the Commission make of the disparity in the media coverage given to these two horrific and violent killings?
- 2. Does it agree that initiatives should be taken to remember this young Italian and European citizen whose life was cut short by a fanatical killer in the US?