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Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

*The Honorable  
Mitchell E. Daniels  
Office of the Governor  
Statehouse  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797*

*Dear Governor,*

*CASE OF MR. NORMAN TIMBERLAKE*

*The European Union has learned that Mr. Norman Timberlake is to be executed in the State of Indiana on 19 January 2007. On behalf of the European Union, Germany as current President, together with Portugal, the subsequent President, and the European Commission would like to make an urgent humanitarian appeal to spare the life of Mr. Norman Timberlake.*

*The European Union opposes the death penalty in all cases and accordingly aims at its universal abolition, seeking a global moratorium on the death penalty as a first step.*

*The European Union considers that in countries which have not yet abolished the death penalty, this penalty should not be imposed on persons suffering from a mental disorder. Mr. Timberlake has been declared severely mentally ill. He has been diagnosed as suffering from chronic paranoid schizophrenia, with psychotic features.*

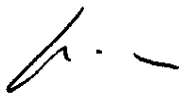
*The EU strongly believes that the execution of a person suffering from a mental disorder is contrary to widely accepted human rights norms and is in contradiction to the minimum standards of human rights set forth in several international human rights instruments. Among them are United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 1989/64 of 24 May, 1989, on the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, as well as Resolution 2005/59, adopted by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. This resolution specifically urges all States still maintaining the death penalty, "not to impose the death penalty on a person suffering from any form of mental disorder to execute any such person."*

*We therefore respectfully urge you, Governor, to take these factors into account and to exercise all the powers vested in your office to grant Mr. Timberlake relief from the death penalty.*

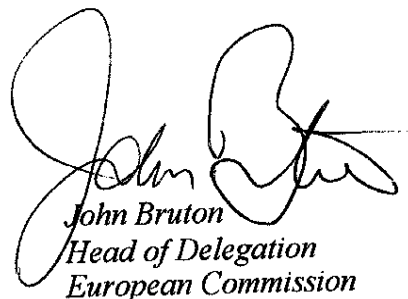
*Sincerely*



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Ambassador of Germany*



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Ambassador of Portugal*



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