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*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 12 November 2002

Dear Chairman,

I write to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles about the case of Mr James Brown, whose clemency appeal you are to consider in the coming days.

I call on you, as a matter of urgency, to exercise your powers to stop the execution of James Brown scheduled for Tuesday, 19 November 2002.

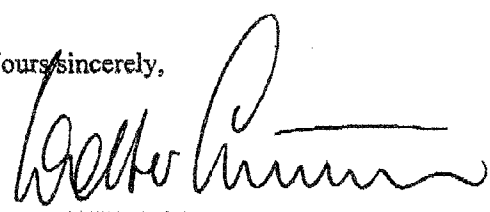
The Council of Europe and its 44 member States are unequivocally opposed to the death penalty, considering that it has no place in a civilised democracy.

As an Observer to this Organisation, the United States of America is deemed to share the same fundamental values and principles.

The case of James Brown is particularly abhorrent inasmuch as it is reported that he suffers from mental illness. His execution would not only flout Resolution 2002/77 adopted on 25 April 2002 but would also contravene international legal standards, including those drawn up by the Council of Europe.

I appeal to you, in the name of human decency, to do all that is in your power to stop James Brown's execution.

Yours sincerely,



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