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*T.H. Philip Bredesen
Governor of Tennessee
State Capitol
Nashville, TN. 37243-0001*

Dear Mr. Governor,

Following up on the letter sent to the former Governor of Tennessee, the Honorable Don Sundquist, on January 24, 2001, during the Swedish Presidency of the European Union, Italy, as its current President, together with Ireland, its subsequent President, and the European Commission, would like to convey to you an urgent humanitarian appeal on behalf of Mr. Philip Workman, who has been sentenced to death and is scheduled to be executed on September 24, 2003.

As stated in the EU Memorandum on the Death Penalty (<http://www.euromunion.org/legislat/DeathPenalty/eumemorandum.htm>) which has been shared with you, the European Union is opposed to 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 appreciates that the State of Tennessee upheld a de facto moratorium for more than forty years. We regret that his moratorium was terminated with the execution of Mr. Robert Glen Coe on 19 April 2000 and that now another execution is planned. In light of recent developments and discussions on this issue, we would like to encourage you to consider reintroduction of a moratorium in the State of Tennessee.

We therefore respectfully urge you, Mr. Governor, as we have also urged the Tennessee Board of Pardon and Parole, to take the aforementioned factors into account and to exercise all powers vested in your office to commute Mr. Philip Workman's sentence to any penalty other than capital punishment.

Sincerely,

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