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## **SUBMISSION TO INFORMATION REQUESTS ON DEATH PENALTY**

The Danish Institute for Human Rights welcomes the calls for submissions communicated by e-mail on 30 May 2020 by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about developments in relation to the question of the death penalty in Denmark since 1 June 2018. As well as information covering developments since 17 December 2018, on the question of the moratorium on the use of the death penalty and other issues as included in resolution 73/175, so as to enable the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session

The Danish Institute for Human Rights is pleased to inform that no developments have occurred since our last submission (reference doc. no. 18/00689-2) with regard to the question of the death penalty in Denmark.

The institute would like to take this opportunity to recall that death penalty was abolished in civil criminal law in 1930 by an amendment in the Civil Penal Code, but reintroduced in 1945 concerning certain offences solely committed during the German occupation of Denmark in the Second World War 1940-1945.<sup>1</sup> This particular, possible application of death penalty was abolished in 1993 by amendment of an annex to the Civil Penal Code.<sup>2</sup> Likewise, death penalty was abolished in the Military Penal Code in 1978.

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<sup>1</sup> Act no. 259 of 1 June 1945 on the annex to the civil penal code concerning treason and other subversive activities (*Lov nr. 259 af 1. juni 1945 om tillæg til borgerlig straffelov angaaende forræderi og anden landsskadelig virksomhed*)

<sup>2</sup> Act no. 1097 of 22 December 1993 on the amendment of an annex to the civil penal code concerning treason and other subversive activities and on the amendment of the act on punishment for war crimes (abolishment of the death penalty) (*Lov nr. 1097 af 22. december 1993*)

Yours sincerely,

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*om ændring af lov om tillæg til borgerlig straffelov angående forræderi og anden landsskadelig virksomhed og lov om straf for krigsforbrydelser (Afskaffelse af dødsstraf)).*