

NEW YORK, NY, November 20, 2008: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' Permanent Representative to the United Nations

A draft resolution, entitled "Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty," was considered by the United Nations General Assembly

Ambassador Camillo Goswami of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in a vote against the resolution, pointed out that

"It seems to us, therefore, a peculiar expression of cultural, political and legal insensitivity for our dear friends to demand that we

After reiterating that "Saint Vincent and the Grenadines takes no issue with those states that have abolished the death penalty,"

"[W]e demand respect for our sovereign right to responsibly apply the death penalty, if our population so chooses."

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines statement explaining the vote against the Death Penalty resolution