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## Stop the death penalty in Japan

Dear Prime Minister,

I hereby appeal to you for the conversion of the death sentences of **Matsumoto Kenji** and of all other prisoners into imprisonments. I demand that the Japanese authorities recognize that people with mental disabilities and illnesses must not be sentenced to death.

The conditions of Matsumoto Kenji's imprisonment must be improved. Solitary confinement has to end, for Matsumoto Kenji as well as for all other prisoners sentenced to death. His state of health must be regularly investigated as recommended by the United Nations Human Rights Commission. Matsumoto Kenji should receive any necessary treatment to improve his physical and mental health. Please reform the visitation rights in prisons.

Amnesty International calls on you to commute all death sentences and to establish an immediate moratorium on executions in order to abolish the death penalty in Japan. I second this demand. Please encourage an informed debate on the abolition of the death penalty in your country.

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