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LAWASIA REITERATES ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

LAWASIA notes with concern that Pannir Selvam Pranthaman (“Pannir”) is scheduled to be executed in Singapore on 20 February 2025.

Pannir was convicted in 2017 of drug trafficking and a mandatory death penalty was imposed.

In 2018 LAWASIA called for a moratorium on the implementation of the death penalty in the Asia-Pacific region. Specifically, the LAWASIA council:

- (a) called on governments in the ESCAP region which currently retain the death penalty to review their respective policies on capital punishment; and
- (b) called for a moratorium on the implementation of the death penalty in any jurisdiction or territory in the ESCAP region which is in the process of undertaking a review of its policy on the death penalty.

LAWASIA reiterates its 2018 resolution.

Consistent with the 2018 resolution, LAWASIA supports the statement issued by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association on 18 February 2025 in which it:

- (a) called upon the government of Singapore to adhere to international human rights standards and obligations; and
- (b) called upon the President of Singapore to reconsider exercising the clemency powers under Article 22P (1) of the Constitution of Singapore in Pannir’s case, with the aim of commuting his death sentence.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Shyam Divan', is located below the text of the resolution.

Shyam Divan

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