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Dear members and friends,

Please find below and attached the main points of a press release that we sent to french-speaking media today.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this. Have a good week,

Vivere Committee

Campaign for the abolition of the Death Penalty and life imprisonment of children

In order to mark the 15th anniversary of World Day Against The Death Penalty, we at Vivere, are publishing our arguments outlining our campaign which was launched in May 2016, with the aim of obtaining the abolition of the death penalty and life imprisonment of children wherever and whenever these sanctions are still carried out. Such practices are in flagrant contradiction of international law.

To our knowledge, the attached document is the first of its kind to bring together the arguments and justification for abolishing the death penalty and life imprisonment of children.

This plea document supplements the work that our movement is already engaged in, in one of the countries concerned. We are helping our local partners to mount a legal defence to represent these children for the acts they committed when still minors, and who are in danger of being sentenced to the death penalty, life imprisonment, or who have already been condemned to death.

Please help us in this work by doing everything possible to mobilise public opinion and maximise our resources in human, material and financial terms.

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