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Death Penalty Review by the Inter-
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Attached please find a letter, drafted by the Department of State in response to an inquiry from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Commission). The Commission has received a complaint, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the International Human Rights Law Group on behalf of a death row inmate who claims that his execution, scheduled for January 10, 1986, violates the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. This Office has no comment to make on the Department of State's proposed response. If either of your Offices has comments, please convey them directly to Mr. Daniel Bodansky (647-9328), Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Human Rights and Refugee Affairs, Department of State, by close of business today.