

## **Attack on national sovereignty**

**Author's note** – I would not normally comment on this sort of resolution as Christians are divided on the use of the death penalty. However it is a typical ploy by some countries to reduce national sovereignty for each nation. It's the battle between those who want international institutions like the UN and the EU running everything, and countries who want to make their own decisions, like the UK and Brexit.

## **Moratorium on the use of the death penalty-** Document A/C.3/77/L.44/Rev.1

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### Amendment to above resolution

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Before operative paragraph 1, insert a new operative paragraph, reading:  
**Reaffirms the sovereign right of all countries to develop their own legal systems, including determining appropriate legal penalties, in accordance with their international law obligations;**

Voting results on amendment: For 103, against 68, Abstain 13.

So the amendment was approved and the extra paragraph on national sovereignty was included in the resolution, a quite rare event.

Vote on resolution with amendment: For 126, Against 37, Abstain 24

**Author's note** : The charge for National Sovereignty was led by the ambassador from Singapore he gave the big countries quite a lecture. He was protecting the interest of small countries not to be intimidated by the rich and powerful countries.

The pro/life and pro/family NGOs have always pushed for a strong national sovereignty paragraph especially where there is contentious wording. This has all been part of a strategy to prevent abortion and other nasty sinful things becoming human rights , as they are human wrongs.

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