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Death penalty

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EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Teófilo Ntutume Abogo

Teófilo Ntutume Abogo was sentenced to death on 26 November 1997 after being found guilty of killing his niece in his hometown of Luba (on Bioko Island). The corpse of the girl, who was a minor, was found near a wood where she had been buried by her murderer.

Teófilo Ntutume Abogo is the second person to be sentenced to death this year in Equatorial Guinea. In October 1997, Matías Evung was sentenced to death after being found guilty of a ritual murder (see UA 316/97, AFR 24/06/97, 6 October 1997).

As far as Amnesty International is aware, the last execution in Equatorial Guinea was carried out in December 1995.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters either in Spanish or in your own language:

- acknowledging the horrific nature of the crime for which Teófilo Ntutume Abogo has been convicted, but expressing absolute opposition to the death penalty on the grounds that it violates the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- stressing that the death penalty has never been shown to be an effective deterrent to violent crime, and is brutalizing to all involved in its application;
- calling on the authorities to grant clemency to Teófilo Ntutume Abogo and to commute his death sentence to a more humane punishment.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Equatorial Guinea accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 February 1998.