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Further information on EXTRA 55/99 (AFR 59/12/99, 27 April 1999) and follow-up (AFR 59/14/99, 27 April 1999, and news service item 081/99) - Fear of Imminent Executions

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Amnesty International has learned with considerable regret that all 28 people listed above were executed on the night of 28 April 1999. The executions were announced in a statement signed by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Ndabiling J Kururachile.

The European Union has expressed "profound regret" at the executions, and Amnesty International's attempts to stay the executions received wide public attention in Kampala. People in Uganda are reportedly concerned to know why these prisoners were executed so long after they were convicted, as some had been on death row for over 10 years.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Please send one further round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- expressing profound concern at the execution of the 28 prisoners named above;
- expressing dismay at the resumption of executions in Uganda;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of violent crime and their families, but expressing opposition to the use of the death penalty in all cases, on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- appealing to President Yoweri Museveni to exercise clemency and to commute all remaining death sentences that come before him as a matter of urgency;
- appealing for an immediate public moratorium on executions in Uganda and urging the authorities to consider abolishing capital punishment completely;
- urging that the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy commutes all death sentence it reviews.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation:** Dear President Museveni

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and to diplomatic representatives of Uganda accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 June 1999.