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Death Penalty

RUSSIAN FEDERATION: Oleg V. STARKIN

On 18 February 1992 Oleg Starkin was notified that his plea for clemency had been turned down. This was despite the fact that on 14 September 1991 his death sentence had already been commuted to 20 years' imprisonment by a Presidential Decree of Boris Yeltsin which also applied to 23 other prisoners. Oleg Starkin had already begun serving his prison sentence in Sverdlovsk Region.

The rejection in February 1992 of Oleg Starkin's petition for clemency may be a delayed response which has failed to take into account the commutation of his death sentence in September 1991. Amnesty International's concern is that the death sentence may be carried out regardless of President Yeltsin's Decree.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/express and airmail letters

- urging that President Yeltsin's Decree of 14 September 1991 be honoured and that the commutation of Oleg Starkin's death sentence be confirmed.

APPEALS TO:

1. President of the Russian Federation:

Rossiyskaya federatsiya

g. Moskva

Kreml

Prezidentu YELTSINU, B.N.

Telegrams: Rossiyskaya Federatsiya, Moskva, Kreml, Prezidentu YELTSINU B

Salutation: Dear President

2. Chairman of the Clemency Commission :

Rossiyskaya federatsiya

g. Moskva

Kreml

Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya pri

Prezidente Rossiyskoy federatsii,

Predsedatelyu PRISTAVKINU, A.

Telegrams: Rossiyskaya federatsiya, Moskva, Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya Rossiyskoy federatsii, Predsedatelyu PRISTAVKINU, A.

Salutation: Dear Chairman

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2. Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the Russian Federation Supreme Soviet:

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Krasnopresnenskaya nab., 2
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and to diplomatic representatives of the Russian Federation in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 April 1992.