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Death Penalty

14 May 1992

RUSSIAN FEDERATION:
(Name in cyrillic)

Alexander SOLOVYOV

(Name in cyrillic)

I.V. GOVORUKHIN
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Amnesty International is concerned that Alexander Solovyov and his co-defendant I.V. Govorukhin, may soon be executed if their petitions for clemency, currently pending with President Yeltsin, are turned down.

On 25 March 1992, the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation rejected the appeals submitted by Alexander Solovyov and I.V. Govorukhin and upheld the original death sentences passed by Krasnodar Territorial Court on 9 October 1991. They were found guilty of murder, violent assault and other charges. The currently pending petitions for clemency represent their last possible level of appeal before the death sentences are carried out.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telephone calls/telegrams/express and airmail letters:

- asking for commutation of the death sentences passed on Alexander Solovyov and I.V. Govorukhin;
- explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances without exception;
- asking that the authorities in the Russian Federation refrain from carrying out further executions and that they consider complete abolition of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

1. The President of the Russian Federation
Rossiyskaya Federatsiya,
g. Moskva,
Kreml,
Prezidentu Rossiyskoy Federatsii
YELTSINU, B.N.

Telegrams: Rossiyskaya Federatsiya, Moskva, Kreml, Prezidentu Yeltsinu,
B.N.

[Salutation: Dear President]

2. The Chairman of the Clemency Commission of the Russian Federation

Rossiyskaya Federatsiya,

g. Moskva,

Kreml,

Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya

pri Prezidente Rossiyskoy Federatsii,

Predsedatelyu PRISTAVKINU, A.I.

Telegrams: Rossiyskaya Federatsiya, Moskva, Kreml, Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya, Predsedatelyu Pristavkinu, A.I.

[Salutation: Dear Chairman]

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3. The Procurator-General of the Russian Federation

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[Salutation: Dear Procurator-General]

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS 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 25 June 1992.