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REPUBLIC OF LATVIA: Imants PUNENOVŠ

Andris ALKSARS

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Amnesty International has learned that Imants Punenovs and Andris Alksars have had their death sentences commuted. The Latvian newspaper Diena has reported that the Presidium of the Supreme Council decided to commute the two death sentences on 7 January 1993. Diena also reported that the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, which examines petitions for clemency, had received at least 2,000 letters from around the world urging the abolition of the death penalty in Latvia.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of the two men.