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Further information on EXTRA 33/92 (EUR 55/01/92, 25 March 1992; EUR 55/02/92, 27 March 1992)- Fear of Imminent Execution

AZERBAYDZHANI REPUBLIC Grachik PETROSYAN
Gagik ARUTYUNYAN
Arno MKRTCHYAN
Arvid MANGASARYAN
Garnik ARUSTAMYAM

Names in cyrillic:

Amnesty International has received a report from unofficial sources that the five men named above are due to be executed on 2 April 1992, just two weeks since they were sentenced to death in the Azerbaydzhani Republic. The trial took place on 19 March 1992 before the Supreme Court of Azerbaydzhani when the accused, who are ethnic Armenians from the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, were convicted of murdering an Azerbaydzhani journalist.

Grachik Petrosyan, Gagik Arutyunyan, Arno Mkrtchyan, Arvid Mangasaryan and Garnik Arustamyam do not have the right to appeal against their convictions or sentences to a higher tribunal, or to have their sentences suspended pending consideration of petitions for clemency.

Amnesty International is opposed to the death penalty in all cases without reservation, and is appealing to the Acting President of the Azerbaydzhani Republic to commute the death sentences passed on these five men.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send faxes, telegrams, express and airmail letters:

- urging that the death sentences passed on Grachik Petrosyan, Gagik Arutyunyan, Arno Mkrtchyan, Arvid Mangasaryan and Garnik Arustamyam be commuted;
- urging that all other pending death sentences be commuted;
- urging that everyone sentenced to death in Azerbaydzhani Republic be granted the opportunity to appeal to a court of higher jurisdiction, in accordance with internationally agreed human rights standards;
- pointing out that Amnesty International takes no position on territorial disputes, and in these cases is concerned solely with the issue of the death penalty.

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[Salutation: Dear Acting President]

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and to diplomatic representatives of the Azerbaydzhani Republic in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY, if possible to arrive in the Azerbaydzhani Republic before 2 April 1992. Otherwise, please check with the International Secretariat, or your section office.