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Further information (5) on EXTRA 07/97 (EUR 57/02/97, 22 January 1997) and follow-ups: EUR 57/03/97, 27 January; EUR 57/07/97, 5 February; EUR 57/07/97, 1 April; EUR 57/09/97, 23 April) - Fear of imminent execution

KAZAKSTAN Oleg Gorozashvili, aged 27

Oleg Gorozashvili is dead.

Amnesty International has just learned that Oleg Gorozashvili was executed in the week beginning 21 April (the exact date is not known to us). Amnesty International is appalled that authorities in Kazakhstan ignored pleas within Kazakhstan and from abroad for a stay of execution to be put in place in order to allow an examination of allegations of serious investigative and judicial errors in Oleg Gorozashvili's case. The authorities also acted apparently in violation of an undertaking given on 23 January 1997 by a representative of the State Investigation Committee not to carry out the execution until the allegations had been thoroughly investigated.

Oleg Gorozashvili may well have been unjustly convicted of the crime for which he was executed. By their act of judicial murder, the Kazakstani authorities have removed any possibility that errors in this case can ever be put right. They have graphically illustrated the barbarity of retaining the death penalty.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send one last round of appeals in Russian, English or in your own language:

- deploring the execution of Oleg Gorozashvili, despite the fact that Kazakstani authorities were well aware of the allegations of violations of investigative and judicial procedure, and had not completed a judicial review; - urging that Oleg Gorozashvili's execution be the last in Kazakhstan, and that an immediate moratorium be put in place on executions, particularly pending the adoption of the new Criminal Code.

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