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Fear of imminent execution

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KYRGYZSTAN

Vasily Skvortsov, 21
(_____ in Russian)

Amnesty International fears that Vasily Skvortsov faces imminent execution unless the Presidential Clemency Commission of Kyrgyzstan recommends that the President exercise his constitutional authority to commute this death sentence.

Vasily Skvortsov was sentenced to death for murder by Bishkek City Court on 9 June 1994. It is believed that his appeal against the death sentence was rejected by the Supreme Court of Kyrgyzstan. A petition for clemency was lodged with the Clemency Commission of Kyrgyzstan and it is feared that a decision could be taken any time now.

Vasily Skvortsov has not denied his guilt. However, he suffers from a severe mental handicap and has been under medical supervision since 1983. It is also reported that Vasily Skvortsov had no legal representation during the session at which the court considered its sentence.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases and without reservation, on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Russian, English or in your own language:

- urging the President to use his constitutional authority and commute Vasily Skvortsov's death sentence;
- urging the Clemency Commission to recommend that the President grant clemency to Vasily Skvortsov and to commute his death sentence;
- urging the President to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

APPEALS TO

1) The President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Askar Akayev

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Salutation: Dear President

2) The Head of the Department for Citizenship and Clemency Questions at the President's Apparatus, Aynabek Kachkynbayev

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Salutation: Dear Sir

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and to diplomatic representatives of Kyrgyzstan accredited to your country, where these exist.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 February 1995.