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Further information on Extra 68/98 (EUR 61/10/98, 29 September 1998) - Fear of imminent execution

TURKMENISTAN Shaliko Maisuradze (m), \_\_\_\_\_ (in cyrillic) aged 25 (previously incorrectly listed as Irina Maisuradze, [f]), Georgian national

Gulshirin Shykhyeva (f), \_\_\_\_\_ (in Russian)

Tylla Garadzhayeva (f), \_\_\_\_\_ (in Russian)

New names: Zaza Gelashvili (m), \_\_\_\_\_ (in cyrillic) aged 24, Georgian national

David Khitarishvili (m), \_\_\_\_\_ (in cyrillic) aged 24, Georgian national

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Shaliko Maisuradze, Gulshirin Shykhyeva and Tylla Garadzhayeva, sentenced to death in September 1998 on drug-related charges are still believed to be on death row. Unofficial sources report that appeals sent on their behalf may have saved them from the death penalty.

Zaza Gelashvili and David Khitarishvili, both Georgian nationals, are now known to have been tried and sentenced to death on 9 September 1998 (previously reported as 3 September), with Shaliko Maisuradze.

The National Security Council of Georgia's Deputy Secretary on human rights issues has appealed for clemency to the President of Turkmenistan on behalf of the three Georgian citizens. Georgia abolished the death penalty in November 1997.

Gulshirin Shykhyeva and Tylla Garadzhayeva are reportedly sisters from the Garrygalirsky district of the Balkans province in Turkmenistan. They were sentenced to death by a court in Turkmenistan for drug-trafficking on 18 September 1998.

Executions in Turkmenistan are often carried out promptly following the courts' decision, with only the most perfunctory appeal and clemency process. Information concerning those on death row is difficult to obtain and the current status of those named above is therefore not known. Their last hope could lie with a petition for clemency to the President of the country.

**FURTHER APPEALS MAY BE SENT BY: telegram/fax/express/airmail letter in Russian, English or in your own language:**

- urging the President to use his constitutional authority to commute the death sentences passed on Shaliko Maisuradze, Gulshirin Shykhyeva, Tylla Garadzhayeva, Zaza Gelashvili and David Khitarishvili;

- stating that the death penalty is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, quoting Article 3: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

**APPEALS TO: (please note, fax tones can be difficult to obtain)**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkmenistan accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 December 1998.

***"Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."***

Article 3, Universal Declaration of Human Rights