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Further information on EXTRA 178/99 (EUR 62/29/99, 14 December 1999) and follow-up (EUR 62/30/99, 21 December 1999) - Death penalty/Possible imminent execution

UZBEKISTAN           Arsen Albertovich ARUTYUNYAN ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), aged  
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Danis Vladimirovich SIRAZHEV ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), aged  
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Arsen Arutyunyan's death sentence was commuted to 15 years' imprisonment by the Supreme Court on 31 March. However, Amnesty International is waiting to hear whether the Supreme Court has reviewed Danis Sirazhev's death sentence, and is concerned that he may still be facing execution.

The Uzbek authorities told Amnesty International's Deputy Secretary General of the Supreme Court's decision at a 14 April United Nations conference. We believe that the work of Urgent Action appeal writers made a real difference in this case.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Russian or your own language:**

- welcoming the decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Court to reverse the death sentence on Arsen Arutyunyan;
- asking the authorities whether Danis Sirazhev's death sentence has also been reviewed and what the outcome was;
- urging the President to use his constitutional authority to commute the death sentence passed on Danis Sirazhev, as well as all other death sentences that come before him;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of crime and their families, but pointing out that the death penalty has never been shown to deter crime more effectively than other punishments, and is brutalizing to all those involved in its application;
- urging that a moratorium be imposed on death sentences and executions pending a comprehensive review of the death penalty.

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