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Further information on UA 01/94 (MDE 12/01/94, 4 January 1994) - Death Penalty

EGYPT: 'Abd al-Shafi Ahmed IBRAHIM

'Abd al-Shafi Ahmed IBRAHIM was executed on 26 February 1994. He was sentenced to death by the Supreme State Security Court on 30 December 1993. He had been charged in connection with the murder of Farag Foda, a well-known secularist writer, in June 1992. Three other defendants were given prison sentences ranging from 10 to three years (two of them *in absentia*) and eight were acquitted.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: You may send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, French, English or your own language:

- expressing grave concern at the execution of 'Abd al-Shafi Ahmed IBRAHIM;
- expressing concern at the sudden upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt, and explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the most extreme form of cruel and inhuman punishment;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, in accordance with Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Egypt is a state party.

APPEALS TO:

His Excellency
Muhammad Hosni Mubarak
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
'Abedine Palace, Cairo, Egypt
Telegram: President Mubarak, Cairo, Egypt
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Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

The Human Rights Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Corniche al-Nil
Cairo, Egypt

His Excellency Mr Faruq Sayf al-Nasr
Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice
Maydan Lazoghly, Cairo, Egypt

and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.