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Further information on EXTRA 102/93 (MDE 28/20/93, 25 November 1993) and follow-up (MDE 28/21/93, 30 November 1993) - Death Penalty/Fear of Execution

ALGERIA: Didier-Roger GUYAN (French national)
and at least 150 others on death row under threat of execution

Algeria's Higher State Committee has commuted Didier-Roger Guyan's death sentence to life imprisonment. Amnesty International welcomes the decision, which was officially announced on 23 December 1993 and was reportedly based on "humanitarian grounds after all legal recourse had been exhausted".

Amnesty International also welcomes the continuing suspension of executions in Algeria, but remains concerned that at least 150 people on death row still face execution if the suspension is lifted.

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

- welcoming the decision to commute the death sentence on Didier-Roger Guyan;
- welcoming the continuing suspension of executions in Algeria;
- urging that the Higher State Committee take the further step of commuting all outstanding death sentences.

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(all salutations: Excellence/Your Excellency)

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 31 January 1994.