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Further information on UA 247/01 (EUR 60/007/2001, 28 September 2001) - Death penalty / torture, ill-treatment

**TAJIKISTAN Mustofokul BOYMURODOV (m), born 1976;
Sadriiddin FATKHUDDINOV (m), born 1979**

Students Mustofokul Boymurodov and Sadriiddin Fatkhuddinov were sentenced to death by the Supreme Court of Tajikistan on 13 July 2001, after two bomb attacks in the capital Dushanbe.

Their appeals against the sentences were sent to the board of the Supreme Court of Tajikistan, which took a decision on 12 October 2001 to return Sadriiddin Fatkhuddinov's case for further investigation to the General Procuracy. A final decision on his case has not yet been taken, but he is no longer in imminent danger of execution.

At the same session, however, the board of the Supreme Court upheld the death sentence against Mustofokul Boymurodov. His execution was reportedly put on hold for six months in January 2002, following an intervention by the United Nations Human Rights Committee at the end of 2001.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Russian, English, Tajik or in your own language:

- asking the authorities to confirm that Mustofokul Boymurodov's death sentence has been put on hold and to inform you about further steps the authorities are going to take on this case;
- urging the President to use his constitutional authority to commute the death sentences passed on Mustofokul Boymurodov and Sadriiddin Fatkhuddinov, and 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 the authorities to order a prompt and impartial investigation into allegations that Mustofokul Boymurodov and Sadriiddin Fatkhuddinov were ill-treated in custody to force them to confess, with the results made public and anyone found responsible brought to justice;
- urging the authorities to impose a moratorium on death sentences and executions pending a comprehensive review of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO (Please note that it can be difficult getting through to fax numbers in Tajikistan. If a voice answers, repeat 'fax' until you hear the signal; otherwise it is advisable to leave your fax machine on auto-redial if possible):

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and to diplomatic representatives of Tajikistan accredited to your country.

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