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Further information on UA 02/01 (MDE 12/02/2001, 3 January 2001) - Death Penalty

EGYPT Salah Abu Zaid Yusuf (called Haris 'Aqqar in original), aged 47
 Rawiya Fathi 'Abd al-Salam (f), wife of the above, aged 25
 Abu Zaid Salah Abu Zaid Yusuf, son of the above, aged 21
 Gamal Fathi 'Abd al-Salam, aged 19
 Muhammad Samir Ahmad, aged 25

Giza Criminal Court has confirmed the death sentence in the case of the five people named above, following the approval of the sentence by the *Mufti*, Egypt's highest religious authority.

The five were sentenced to death by hanging for the murder of Khalid Isma'il al-Sayid.

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

- acknowledging the seriousness of the crime for which the five people were convicted;
- explaining your opposition to the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life, pointing out that it has never been shown to have a unique deterrent effect and is brutalizing to all involved in its application;
- urging Egypt's President to use his constitutional powers to grant clemency and commute these and all other pending death sentences;
- drawing attention to world trends towards abolishing or reducing 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;
- reminding the government of Egypt of its commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person".

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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 16 March 2001.