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Further information on UA 346/94 (MDE 12/16/94, 20 September 1994) and follow-up (MDE 12/19/94, 17 October 1994) - Death Penalty/Legal concern

EGYPT: Ahmed Muhammad Gumu'a, aged 27
Sharif Mohammad Hassan (*in absentia*)

On 9 November 1994, Ahmed Muhammad Gumu'a was executed. Ahmed Muhammad Gumu'a and Sharif Mohammad Hassan were both sentenced to death by a military court in Alexandria on 20 September 1994 in the case known as '*Al Mahmoudia*'. They were charged, among other things, with membership in "International Jihad Organization", an illegal organization previously unknown in Egypt which reportedly aims to undermine the constitution by acts of violence.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters

- expressing grave concern at this execution, which Amnesty International considers as a summary and arbitrary execution;
- expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt (58 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 41 executions have now taken place), 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.
- urging that the President use his constitutional right to grant clemency and commute the death sentence of Sharif Mohammad Hassan and all other pending death sentences.

APPEALS TO:

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

Telegram: President Mubarak, Cairo, Egypt

Telexes: 93794 WAZRA UN

Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

The Human Rights Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Corniche al-Nil
Cairo, Egypt

Dr Fathi Sorour
Speaker
The People's Assembly
Magles al-Shaab Street
Cairo, Egypt

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 21 December 1994.