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Further information on UA 432/91 (EUR 46/85/91, 11 December 1991) - Fear of Imminent Execution

Former USSR (Russian Federation):Mikhail N. TYRNIKOV

The most serious consequence of the demise of the USSR for work on death penalty cases in each of its former republics is the loss of the top tier of federal USSR officials to whom appeals for judicial review of convictions, appeals against sentences or petitions for clemency can be addressed. The highest authorities will now be those in the republics and the whole process of appealing against a death sentence and petitioning for commutation right up to the final level of authority, which will now be the republican Supreme Soviet and Clemency Commission, may now take considerably less time than the average of two years which it took previously.

The RSFSR (Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic), the republic in which Mikhail Tyrnikov's sentence was passed, has been renamed the Russian Federation. On 5 December 1991 the Russian parliament passed a law abolishing the death sentence for theft on a particularly large scale, for accepting bribes in particularly aggravating circumstances, for breaking the rules in foreign-currency operations, and for speculation in foreign-currency valuables and securities.

Appeals for the commutation of Mikhail Tyrnikov's sentence should no longer be addressed to the USSR authorities, but to the Russian authorities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telephone calls/express and airmail letters:

-appealing for clemency on behalf of Mikhail Tyrnikov;

-welcoming the reduction in the scope of crimes punishable by the death penalty in the Russian Federation as an important step towards its complete abolition.

APPEALS TO:

1) President of the Russian Federation:

Rossiyskaya Federatsiya

g. Moskva

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Prezidentu YELTSINU B.

Telegrams: Russkaya Federatsiya, Moskva, Kreml, Prezidentu YELTSINU B.

Salutation: Dear President

2) Chairman of the Clemency Commission at the Russian Federation Supreme Soviet:

Russkaya Federatsiya

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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Salutation: Dear Procurator-General

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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Salutation: Dear Sir

- and to diplomatic representatives of the USSR in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat or
your section office if sending appeals after February 28 1992.