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Fear of Imminent Execution

USSR: Andrey Viktorovich ZAPEVALOV

Amnesty International has learned that the case of 24-year-old student Andrey Zapevalov will come before the USSR Supreme Soviet Clemency Commission on 22 November 1990.

Andrey Zapevalov was sentenced to death without right of appeal on 20 November 1989 for the murder of two women. Amnesty International believes that the sentence, which was passed by the Criminal Cases Collegium of the Supreme Court of the Russian Republic, was imposed after an unfair trial.

The former head of the USSR Supreme Soviet Clemency Commission has recently been replaced by Nikolay Semyonovich Glazkov. Amnesty International hopes that the new leadership of the Clemency Commission will recommend granting Andrey Zapevalov's petition for clemency. The recommendation made by the USSR Supreme Soviet Clemency Commission will then be passed on to President Gorbachov, who has the authority to make the final decision. According to an interview with the head of the parliamentary clemency body published in Isvestiya on 1 October this year, President Gorbachov endorsed all thirty-three recommendations put forward by the Clemency Commission in May this year.

Amnesty International unconditionally opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telephone calls/express letters:

- appealing for clemency on behalf of Andrey Zapevalov;
- urging the introduction of a moratorium on death sentences and executions, pending discussion of draft proposals by parliament to limit its application.

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