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Further information on UA 439/94 (AMR 25/14/94, 13 December 1994) - Death Penalty / Fear of Ill-treatment / Health Concern

**CUBAJuvencio PADRON DUEÑAS (known as Juan Carlos), aged 35
and three others**

Amnesty International has learned that Juvencio Padrón Dueñas is now being held in Ciego de Avila Provincial Prison (known as "Canaleta") and that his health is reportedly continuing to deteriorate.

Juvencio Padrón Dueñas is said to be facing a possible death sentence. He was arrested on 7 September 1994 in Ciego de Avila. He and three others whose names are not known are to be brought to trial later this month charged with the murder and robbery of two elderly people in Ciego de Avila. Juvencio Padrón Dueñas denies the charges against him. Although details are so far sketchy, Amnesty International has received serious allegations indicating that the real motivation for his arrest and imprisonment may be of a political nature. Amnesty International is seeking further information about these allegations.

There is also concern for the state of health of Juvencio Padrón Dueñas who was already reportedly suffering from a brain haemorrhage at the time of his arrest. While in detention he is said to have been beaten by officials in an attempt to make him accept the charges against him. Since being in detention, he is said to have been transferred to hospital on three occasions suffering from a stroke.

CONTINUED RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters

- expressing concern at reports that the prosecution is intending to request the death penalty in the case of Juvencio Padrón Dueñas and three others at their forthcoming trial and stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty in all cases;
- expressing concern at reports that Juvencio Padrón Dueñas has been beaten while in detention and that he is in serious need of medical attention;
- requesting that he immediately be granted all necessary medical treatment as well as full access to a lawyer of his choice;
- urging an immediate independent investigation into allegations that he has been ill-treated while in detention so that anyone found guilty of committing human rights abuses against him may be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

1) Attorney General:

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Salutation: Sr Fiscal General / Dear Attorney General

2) Minister of Justice:

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Salutation: Sr Ministro / Dear Minister

3) Minister of the Interior:

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Ministro del Interior
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(These telex and fax numbers are for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - please ask them to forward your message to the Minister of the Interior)

Salutation: Sr Ministro / Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:National Union of Jurists:

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Director of Ciego de Avila Provincial Prison:

Señor Director
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Ciego de Avila, Cuba

and to diplomatic representatives of Cuba accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 January 1995.