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Further Information on UA 335/03 (AMR 41/050/2003, 17 November 2003) Death Penalty

MEXICO

Herón Varela Flores (m)

On 19 November, President Fox issued a statement clarifying that, as with previous such cases, he would use Constitutional presidential powers to ensure commutation of the death sentence handed down by the military tribunal against Heron Varela Flores.

Herón Varela Flores was found guilty of the murder of Colonel Salvador Juárez Villa on 14 February at the barracks of the 20th Infantry Regiment in Ciudad Juarez, northern Mexico. He alleges that he acted in self-defence and the military tribunal denied him a fair trial.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible, please write a final round of appeals in Spanish, English or your own language:

-welcoming the presidential announcement and urging immediate steps be taken to abolish the death penalty in Mexican legislation.

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