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Further information on EXTRA 103/92 (AMR 49/03/92, 4 December 1992) - Death Penalty

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: Brian FRANCOIS
Lal SEERATAN

Brian Francois and Lal Seeratan, who were scheduled to be executed in Trinidad and Tobago on 8 December 1992, have received stays of execution pending a hearing on their cases which is scheduled to begin on 11 January 1993.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express or airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- welcoming the stays of execution granted to Brian Francois and Lal Seeratan;
- urging the government not to issue further execution warrants;
- urging the commutation of the death sentences passed on Brian Francois and Lal Seeratan;
- expressing deep concern at this renewed attempt to resume the use of the death penalty in Trinidad and Tobago after 13 years without executions;
- calling on the authorities not to take such a retrograde step especially at a time when more countries worldwide are moving towards the abolition of the death penalty;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of violent crime and their relatives but argue that research has shown that hanging prisoners will not deter others from committing similar crimes.

APPEALS TO

1) His Excellency Noor Hassanali
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Port of Spain
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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) The Hon Patrick Manning
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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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3) The Hon Keith Sobion
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Salutation: Dear Attorney General

4) The Hon Russell Higgins
Minister of National Security
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Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Newspaper:

Trinidad Guardian
22 St Vincent Square
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Faxes: + 1 809 625 7211

Newspaper:

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Independence Square
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
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and to diplomatic representatives of Trinidad and Tobago accredited to your

country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 January 1993.