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Further information on EXTRA 154/99 (ASA 20/38/99, 4 November 1999) - Death Penalty - Fear of Imminent Execution

INDIAGovindaswamy

Govindaswamy has received a stay of execution from the High Court of Tamil Nadu. He had been scheduled to be put to death on 9 November.

At a hearing on 5 November, where Govindaswamy's lawyer filed a petition for a stay of execution, the High Court set a date of 23 November for the President of India and Governor of Tamil Nadu to consider clemency petitions in consultation with the central and state governments.

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

- welcoming the temporary stay of execution granted by the High Court and urging the President of India and the Minister of Home Affairs to consider Govindaswamy's clemency appeal once again.

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and to diplomatic representatives of India accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 December 1999.