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Further information on UA 418/93 (ASA 36/07/93, 29 November 1993) - Death Penalty

**SINGAPORE**                      **Johannes Van Damme, Dutch national, aged 59**

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Amnesty International has just learned that the Dutch businessman Johannes Van Damme is scheduled to be executed this Friday, 23 September 1994. His only hope now lies with a last minute intervention from President Ong Teng Cheong.

The 59-year-old Dutchman was arrested on 27 September 1991 at Changi Airport and was sentenced to death on 26 April 1993 for trafficking in 4 kilograms of heroin. The Court of Criminal Appeal in Singapore rejected his appeal on 23 November 1993.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams or faxes in English or your own language:**

- expressing deep concern that Johannes Van Damme is scheduled to be executed on 23 September 1994;
- urging President Ong Teng Cheong to reconsider his decision and to grant Johannes Van Damme clemency by commuting his death sentence;
- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty, and urging that all existing and pending death sentences be commuted.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.**