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Further information on EXTRA 81/91 (ASA 41/08/91, 19 November 1991) - Legal concern/Trial of Prisoner of Conscience

Viet Nam: Dr Nguyen Dan Que

Dr Nguyen Dan Que, a prisoner of conscience, was sentenced to 20 years in prison by the People's Court in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) after a trial on 29 November 1991. He had been formally charged with "*activities aimed at overthrowing the people's government*". Amnesty International has reason to believe that his trial may not have conformed to international standards of fair trial.

Dr Nguyen Dan Que's case has now reportedly moved to a higher appeals court in Ho Chi Minh City.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- express concern that Dr Nguyen Dan Que was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the peaceful exercise of fundamental human rights and appeal to the authorities for his immediate and unconditional release.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Viet Nam in your country

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after the 20 January 1992.**