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Fear of imminent execution

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UKRAINE

Anatoly Vladimirovich LYUBARSKY, aged 28
(in Russian)

Amnesty International fears that Anatoly Vladimirovich Lyubarsky faces imminent execution unless Leonid Kravchuk, the President of Ukraine, exercises his constitutional authority to commute his death sentence.

Anatoly Lyubarsky was sentenced to death for murder by Vinnitsa Regional Court on 26 October 1993. His appeal against his death sentence was rejected by the Supreme Court of Ukraine on 13 January 1994. A petition for clemency is believed to be still pending with the President of Ukraine. A decision could be taken any time now.

It is impossible to determine exactly how much time elapses between the Supreme Court of Ukraine upholding a death sentence and execution taking place because of the authorities' persistent refusal to publish any details on procedures surrounding the death penalty. However, judging by death penalty cases which have come to Amnesty International's knowledge, execution is believed to take place on average within six months of the Supreme Court turning down an appeal, if the President does not exercise his constitutional authority to commute the death sentence.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases and without reservation, on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

- stating Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty in all cases;
- urging President Kravchuk to grant clemency to Anatoly Lyubarsky and to commute his death sentence;
- urging President Kravchuk to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

APPEALS TO

The President of Ukraine, Leonid Makarovich Kravchuk

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Salutation: Dear President

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

- 1) The Chairman of the Clemency Commission of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet (parliament), name not known.

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po voprosam pomilovaniya
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2) The Head of the Department for Citizenship and Clemency Issues at the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet, P. A. Andreychenko.

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4) The Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Anatoly Maksimovich Zlenko.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Ukraine accredited to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 July 1994.