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Death Penalty

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**UKRAINERoman Aleksandrovich PAKHOLYUK ( \_\_\_\_\_ in  
Russian), aged 20**

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Amnesty International fears that Roman Aleksandrovich Pakholyuk faces imminent execution unless the Presidential Clemency Commission of Ukraine recommends that the President of Ukraine exercises his constitutional authority to commute his death sentence.

Roman Pakholyuk was sentenced to death for the murder of two elderly people by Vinitza Regional Court on 28 March 1994. His appeal against the death sentence was rejected by the Supreme Court of Ukraine on 3 June. A petition for clemency lodged with the President of Ukraine is still pending with the Presidential Clemency Commission.

Amnesty International believes that it is several months since the Clemency Commission last met. A reliable source has confirmed that the Commission will reconvene shortly and will examine a backlog of petitions from prisoners on death row. The source also reports that the majority of the members of the Commission are supporters of the death penalty, and that the President of Ukraine always follows the Commission's recommendations.

Roman Pakholyuk was 18 at the time he committed the murders. He had no previous convictions and is said to have acted under the influence of alcohol.

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

- urging the Clemency Commission to recommend that President Kuchma grant clemency to Roman Pakholyuk and commute his death sentence;
- urging the Clemency Commission to recommend that President Kuchma commute all other pending death sentences.
- reiterating Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and on the grounds that it is the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

**APPEALS TO**

- Chairman of the Presidential Clemency Commission, name not known

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 January 1995.