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Fear of imminent execution

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UKRAINE

Konstantin Aleksandrovich Venik, aged 23  
( in Russian)

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Konstantin Aleksandrovich Venik is facing imminent execution unless his sentence is commuted by the President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma.

Konstantin Venik was sentenced to death for murder by the Nikolayev Regional Court on 21 December 1994. His appeal against his death sentence is believed to have been turned down by the Supreme Court. Konstantin Venik denies the murder charges; his accomplice reportedly confessed to having committed the crime.

Amnesty International is opposed to 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. The organization is appealing to the President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma, to commute Konstantin Venik's death sentence.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or your own language (or Ukrainian or Russian if this is possible without delay):**

- urging President Kuchma to grant clemency to Konstantin Venik and to commute his death sentence;
- urging President Kuchma to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

**APPEALS TO**

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**Salutation: Dear President**

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Chairman of the Presidential Clemency Commission

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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 5 July 1995.