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Further information on UA 419/94 (EUR 56/14/94, 29 November 1994) - Fear of imminent execution

GEORGIA:	Tamaz Tsatava (in Russian), aged 37
	Levan Kharabadze (), aged 25
	Paata Tsanava (), aged 26
	Temuri Miresashvili (), aged 32
	Romul Gogisvanidze (), aged 52
	Mamuka Chikaidze (), aged 26 correct spelling
	Murman Bregvadze (), aged 33
	Besik Khelaya (), aged 22 correct spelling
	Mindia Tsotsoria (), aged 20
	Davit Soselia (), aged 27
	Tandi Gazdeliani (), aged 39 correct spelling
	Amir Gazdeliani (), aged 22
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Jew name:	Samuel AGARARAYAN (in Russian) aged 32

In addition to the 12 men mentioned above Amnesty International fears that Samvel Agababayan faces imminent execution unless Eduard Shevardnadze, Chairman of the Georgian parliament and head of state, exercises his constitutional authority and commutes his death sentence.

Samvel Agababayan was sentenced to death for premeditated aggravated murder by the Supreme Court of Georgia on 15 March 1994.

Amnesty International has received more information on some of the men mentioned above. Levan Kharabadze was sentenced to death for murder by Tbilisi City Court on 17 February 1993. His appeal against his death sentence was turned down by the Supreme Court of Georgia and his petition for clemency is now pending with the Clemency Commission of the Georgian parliament. Mamuka Chikaidze was sentenced to death for murder by the Supreme Court of Georgia on 8 April 1994. In total 11 out of the 13 men were sentenced to death by the Supreme Court of Georgia and three were sentenced to death in 1993.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging that the death sentences passed on Tamaz Tsatava, Levan Kharabadze, Paata Tsanava, Temuri Miresashvili, Romul Gogisvanidze, Mamuka Chikaidze, Murman Bregvadze, Besik Khelaya, Mindia Tsotsoria, Davit Soselia, Tandi and Amir Gazdeliani and Samvel Agababayan be commuted to imprisonment;

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