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**Further information on EXTRA 91/98 (EUR 61/13/98, 27 November 1998) - Fair trial concern / Fear of death penalty**

**TURKMENISTAN Mukhametkuli Aymuradov  
Khoshali Garayev**

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The trial against Mukhametkuli Aymuradov and Khoshali Garayev is now due to take place on 7 December 1998 at the Supreme Court of Turkmenistan. Although Amnesty International welcomes the move to try the men in court (it was originally to take place in the prison), it is still expected to be a closed trial and the organization remains concerned that they will not receive a fair hearing and may be sentenced to death as a result.

According to Mukhametkuli Aymuradov's lawyer the two men have been charged under Article 174 part 2 of the Turkmen Criminal Code with conspiracy to seize power, or to violently overthrow the constitutional system, a charge which carries a potential death sentence, and with assaulting a prison officer.

There are claims that the start of the trial has been postponed twice as a result of concerns expressed by international human rights organisations and foreign diplomats about the case.

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

- urging the authorities to ensure that Mukhametkuli Aymuradov and Khoshali Garayev receive a fair trial in line with international human rights standards;
- pointing out the importance of international standards being adhered to in cases where the defendants face a possible death sentence;
- reminding the government of Turkmenistan of its commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular Article 3: "*Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.*"

**APPEALS TO: (please note, fax tones can be difficult to obtain)**

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 January 1999.

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security of person."***

Article 3, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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