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Further information (1) on EXTRA 57/95 (EUR 62/16/95, 17 May 1995) - Fear of Imminent Execution

UZBEKISTANRinat NAZIPOV, aged 27 (_____ in Russian)

The Clemency Commission of Uzbekistan has turned down Rinat Nazipov's petition for clemency, his only hope of avoiding execution. Rinat Nazipov was last seen alive on 7 June 1995 when his parents visited him on death row in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. Since then his parents have not been granted another visit and they fear that his death may be imminent.

Amnesty International deplores the decision of the Clemency Commission not to grant clemency to Rinat Nazipov. In the belief that he may still be alive, Amnesty International is urging President Karimov of Uzbekistan to reverse the decision of the Clemency Commission and to commute Rinat Nazipov's death sentence.

Rinat Nazipov was sentenced to death for murder by Tashkent City Court on 23 June 1994. He has no previous convictions and relatives reported that he was driven to attempt armed robbery out of desperation to keep his young family alive (he is married and has a three-year-old daughter). During a struggle, Rinat Nazipov wounded the shop manager of the store he was holding up. The shop manager later died in hospital.

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.

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

- urging President Karimov to reverse the Clemency Commission's decision to refuse clemency to Rinat Nazipov, and to commute his death sentence;
- urging the Clemency Commission to reconsider its decision to recommend that clemency be refused to Rinat Nazipov, and to recommend to the President instead that his death sentence be commuted;
- pointing out, while Amnesty International does not condone violent crime, the organization opposes the death penalty in all cases; note that there is no evidence that the death penalty prevents serious crime any more than other punishment.

APPEALS TO:

1) The President of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov:

Respublika Uzbekistan

g. Tashkent

pl. Mustakillik

Apparat prezidenta

Prezidentu Karimovu I.

Telegrams: Uzbekistan, Tashkent, apparat prezidenta, Prezidentu Karimovu I.

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Salutation: Dear President Karimov

2) Chairman of the Clemency Commission of the Uzbekistan Supreme Soviet, Pulatov
(first name unknown)

Respublika Uzbekistan

g. Tashkent

Verkhovny Sovet Respubliki Uzbekistan

Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya

Predsedatelyu Pulatovu

Telegrams: Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Kommissiya pomilovaniya, Predsedatelyu

Salutation: Dear Chairman

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

1) Chairman of the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan, Ubaydulla Mingbayev:

Respublika Uzbekistan

g. Tashkent

ul. Abdulla Kodiri, 1

Verkhovny Sud Respubliki Uzbekistan

Predsedatelyu Mingbayevu U.

2) Procurator General of Uzbekistan, Buritosh Mustafoev

Respublika Uzbekistan

g. Tashkent

ul. Gogolya, 66

Prokuratura Respubliki Uzbekistan

Generalnomu Prokuroru Mustafoevu B.

3) Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan, Saidmukhtar Saidkasymov

Respublika Uzbekistan

g. Tashkent

Ministerstvo inostrannykh del

Ministru Saidkasymovu S.

and to diplomatic representatives of Uzbekistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International secretariat,
or your section office if sending appeals after 11 August 1995.