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EGYPT **Hammada Mohammad LUTFI**

Hammada Mohammad Lutfi was executed on 31 December 1994. He had been sentenced to death *in absentia* by a military court at the military barracks in Sidi Barrani, close to the Libyan border, in February 1994. He had been charged, among other things, with membership of an armed Islamist opposition group, *al-Gama'a al-Islamiya*, and planning the assassination of President Mubarak.

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

- expressing grave concern at the execution of Hammada Mohammad Lutfi, which Amnesty International considers as a summary and arbitrary execution;
- expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt (60 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 42 executions have now taken place), and explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the most extreme form of cruel and inhuman punishment;
- drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, in accordance with Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Egypt is a state party.

APPEALS TO:

His Excellency
Muhammad Hosni Mubarak
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
'Abedine Palace
Cairo, Egypt

Telegrams: President Mubarak, Cairo, Egypt

Telexes: 93794 WAZRA UN

Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

The Human Rights Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Corniche al-Nil
Cairo, Egypt

Dr Fathi Sorour
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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.

