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Further information on UA 381/97 (MDE 25/12/97,3 December 1997)

Death Penalty

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) Ryan Dominic Mahoney, aged 23
Rabi' Ghassan Taraf, aged 28

The Supreme Court in Dubai is said to have referred the cases of Rabi' Ghassan Taraf and Ryan Dominic Mahoney back to the appeals court for a retrial. They were sentenced to death in November 1997 after they were convicted of drug charges. No further details are available.

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

- calling for the death sentence against Rabi' Ghassan Taraf and Ryan Dominic Mahoney to be commuted if upheld on appeal.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of the United Arab Emirates accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 August 1998.