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Further Information on UA 65/03 (MDE 31/002/2003, 6 March 2003) and follow-up (MDE 31/008/2003, 12 September 2003)- Risk of Imminent Execution

YEMEN

Nabil al-Mankali (m), Spanish national

Amnesty International has received an unconfirmed report that the execution of Nabil al-Mankali may have been scheduled for 20 September. At this time, his only chance of not being executed would be if the President of the Republic of Yemen grants him clemency.

Nabil al-Mankali was arrested on 18 August 1997 and convicted on charges of planning acts of sabotage and assassination, in connection with a bombing incident in Aden in July 1997. He was charged along with 27 others who were reportedly tortured in order to force them to confess. The "confessions" were then admitted as evidence in court. The 27 others were given prison sentences, whilst Nabil al-Mankali received a death sentence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International has longstanding concerns about the use of the death penalty in Yemen, particularly as death sentences are often passed after proceedings which fall short of international standards for fair trial.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- calling on President 'Ali 'Abdullah Saleh to commute the death sentence against Nabil al-Mankali in order to prevent his possible execution on 20 September.

APPEALS TO:

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His Excellency General 'Ali 'Abdullah Saleh

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