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**Further information on UA 16/92 (AMR 25/02/92, 13 January 1992) - Death Penalty**

**CUBA: Eduardo DIAZ BETANCOURT (38)**

**Daniel Candelario SANTOVENIA FERNANDEZ (36)**

**Pedro de la Caridad ALVAREZ PEDROSO (26)**

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On 16 January 1992 the Tribunal Supremo Popular, People's Supreme Court, upheld the death sentences imposed on Eduardo Díaz Betancourt and Daniel Candelario Santovenia Fernández. The death sentence imposed on Pedro de la Caridad Alvarez Pedroso was commuted to 30 years' imprisonment. It now remains for the Council of State, which is presided over by President Fidel Castro, to decide whether to grant clemency to the two men who remain under sentence of death. A decision is likely to be made very soon and if the death sentences are confirmed, execution will probably take place almost immediately.

All three had been found guilty by Havana Provincial Court on 11 January 1992 on charges of terrorism, sabotage and enemy propaganda, all crimes against state security. The three, who were Cuban exiles and had been living in the United States, had been arrested on 29 December 1991 as they landed by dinghy on the Cuban coast near Cárdenas, Matanzas province, 150 km east of the capital, Havana.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters:**

- welcoming commutation of the death sentence imposed on Pedro de la Caridad Alvarez Pedroso;

- urging the Council of State to grant clemency to Eduardo Díaz Betancourt and Daniel Candelario Santovenia Fernández;

- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty in all cases;

- welcoming the reduction in the use of the death penalty in recent years in Cuba but expressing concern that consideration is reportedly being given to extending its use.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President of the Council of State:  
Dr Fidel Castro Ruz  
Presidente del Consejo del Estado  
Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba

**Su Excelencia /  
Your Excellency**

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2) First Vice-President of the Council of State:

General Raúl Castro Ruz **Señor Primer Vice-Presidente /**  
Primer Vice-Presidente del Consejo de Estado **Dear First Vice-President**  
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3) Vice-President of the Council of State:

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Vice-Presidente del Consejo de Estado **Dear Vice-President**  
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4) Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Sr Isidoro Malmierca Peoli **Señor Ministro /**  
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Dr Carlos Amat Forés **Señor Ministro /**  
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