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Further information on Extra 47/00 (AMR 25/15/00, 16 May 2000) and follow-up (AMR 25/16/00, 12 July 2000) - Death Penalty/Imminent Execution

CUBAJorge Luis Rodríguez Mir

The review of Jorge Luis Rodríguez Mir's conviction has not yet been carried out, despite being requested in June, and he remains at risk of execution.

Jorge Luis Rodríguez Mir, who reportedly suffers from schizophrenia and epilepsy, was sentenced to death for the murder of a policeman in November 1999. His family applied for a review of his trial and conviction on the grounds that the court failed to hear all the evidence, and to take into account his medical history.

It was expected that the review application would be processed within two months, but the appeal reportedly remains unheard. Jorge Luis Rodríguez Mir's mother has been given contradictory information regarding his legal status. On the one hand, she has been told that his case is still open, for which reason no appeal can be considered at present. On the other hand, she has been informed that a decision has already been made regarding her son's fate. She has no access to legal assistance from the Cuban state.

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

- expressing concern that the review application submitted by Jorge Luis Rodríguez Mir's mother in June remains unheard;
- expressing concern that his immediate family have not been informed what is happening in his case;
- expressing concern that he was sentenced to death despite evidence suggesting that he suffers from mental illness;
- expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment;
- note that only a few nations, for example the USA, Iran, Iraq and Trinidad and Tobago, have increased their use of the death penalty and are carrying out high numbers of executions.

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