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**PERU: New Death penalty law imminent**

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Amnesty International has learnt that on 3 August 1993, the Peruvian Constituent Congress decided by 55 votes in favour, 21 against and one abstention, to include in the new Constitution a clause that extends the death penalty to crimes of terrorism. The new Constitution may be put to a public referendum.

The new clause establishes that the death penalty can only be applied in accordance with internal laws and the international treaties to which Peru is a party.

Amnesty International believes that by incorporating a broadened application of the death penalty into the Constitution, Peru would be violating the American Convention on Human Rights, which was ratified by Peru in 1978. This Convention explicitly prohibits any extension of the death penalty.

No further action is required for the time being on this case.

We are grateful to all those who took part in this Urgent Action.