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Death Penalty

2 February 1993

SINGAPORE: Flor Contemplacion (female)

On 29 January 1993 Flora Contemplacion, a 39 year old Filipino maid, was sentenced to death by the High Court in Singapore. She was found guilty of murdering another domestic worker - Ms Della M Maga - and her employer's four-year old son - Nicholas Huang Haoren - in a Gangsa Road flat on 4 May 1991.

Flor Contemplacion chose to remain silent when her defence was called at the close of the four-day trial. Neither the defence nor the prosecution made any submissions at all. Her case will now come before the Court of Criminal Appeal. President Wee Kim Wee has the power to commute her sentence should her appeals fail.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- expressing concern at the imposition of the death penalty on Flor Contemplacion, urging that if her death sentence is upheld it be commuted;

- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty, and urging that all existing/pending death sentences be commuted and no more imposed.

APPEALS TO

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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