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Further information on UA 309/94 (ASA 36/09/94, 23 August 1994) and follow-up (ASA 36/15/94, 12 December) - Death Penalty

SINGAPORE: Angel Mou Puipeng (f), aged 25, Portuguese citizen, resident of Hong Kong

Amnesty International has just learned that Angel Mou Puipeng is scheduled to be hanged on 6 January 1995.

Angel Mou Puipeng was to be executed on 23 December 1994, but was granted a temporary reprieve. The Singapore authorities agreed to allow her to spend Christmas with her family, including her 9-year-old son, as she is a Christian.

Angel Mou Puipeng was arrested on 29 August 1991 in Changi airport, in possession of 5.6 kilograms of heroin. Her initial trial took place in the Singapore High Court between March and April 1993. She was found guilty of trafficking heroin and sentenced to death.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The death penalty was employed during the colonial period and was retained after Singapore became an independent republic in August 1965. Anyone found in possession of more than 15 grams of heroin, 30 grams of morphine, 30 grams of cocaine or 500 grams of cannabis is presumed guilty of drug trafficking and is liable to a mandatory death sentence.

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.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams or faxes in English or your own language:

- expressing deep concern that Angel Mou Puipeng is scheduled to be executed on 6 January 1995;
- urging President Ong Teng Cheong to grant Angel Mou Puipeng clemency by making permanent the reprieve granted to her over the Christmas period;
- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty.

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