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Imminent Execution

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SINGAPORE

Elke Tsang Kai Mong, (f), 30, Hong Kong citizen

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Amnesty International has learned that Elke Tsang Kai Mong, who was arrested on 26 July 1992 at Changi Airport and convicted of trafficking over 4kg of heroin is scheduled to be executed on 16 December 1994.

Elke Tsang Kai Mong was sentenced to death on 19 October 1993, and her appeal was dismissed on 26 January 1994.

Elke Mong claims to have agreed to travel from Hong Kong to Bangkok with a friend, "Ah Jim" in order to collect repayment on a \$6,000 loan she had given him. She claims to have been deceived by "Ah Jim" into going to Bangkok first without him, where she was met by two of his friends, who were strangers, who took her passport and controlled her movements. She claims to have reluctantly agreed to carry 'a few packets of hashish' to Europe as a result of having been intimidated and threatened by these men. In a bid to extricate herself from the situation, she attempted to fly from Singapore back to Hong Kong instead of from Singapore to Europe as she had been told to do. Elke was arrested at Changi Airport where she cooperated fully with the police. "Ah Jim" was arrested in Europe for drug offences.

Elke Mong had no previous criminal record, and had worked for an Import/Export Company before being made redundant.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The death penalty was employed in Singapore during the colonial period and was retained after the country 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.

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

- urging the President to commute the sentence of Elke Tsang Kai Mong;
- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty, and urging that all existing and pending death sentences be commuted.

#### **APPEALS TO:**

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