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Further information on EXTRA 45/92 (EUR 11/05/92, 16 April 1992) - Death Penalty

ALBANIA:Arjan BOJA, aged 19

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Amnesty International has recently learned that on 18 May 1992 Arjan Boja's death sentence was commuted to 25 years' imprisonment by Presidential decision.

On 16 November 1991 the district court of Elbasan had sentenced him to death for causing the death of a person in the course of a robbery. On appeal the Supreme Court ordered a retrial. On 28 February 1992 the district court of Elbasan again sentenced him to death. On 1 April 1992 the Supreme Court confirmed this sentence. If a death sentence is confirmed by the Supreme Court, the defendant may petition for clemency to the President of the Republic of Albania. Arjan Boja was successful in his petition for clemency and the President commuted his death sentence to 25 years' imprisonment on 18 May 1992.

No further action is required on this case by the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.