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Further information on EXTRA 119/95 (EUR 46/16/95, 16 October 1995) - Fear of forcible repatriation / Fear for safety

RUSSIASHirali NURMURADOV, writer from Turkmenistan
(_____ in cyrillic)

Shirali Nurmuradov has had the threat of extradition to Turkmenistan lifted, at least temporarily. Although the criminal case against him in Russia for illegal possession of narcotics remains open, he has been allowed to travel to Sweden to take up the offer of six months' residence which was part of a Swedish literary award made to him shortly before his arrest in September. The Russian authorities reportedly acceded to requests that Shirali Nurmuradov be allowed to travel to Sweden at this time on the grounds that he requires medical treatment. Shirali Nurmuradov arrived in Sweden on 26 October.

No further action is required on behalf of Shirali Nurmuradov. Thank you to all who responded to this Urgent Action appeal.