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Further information on EXTRA 152/96 (EUR 49/03/96, 30 September 1996) - <u>Death</u> penalty

#### BELARUSIgor Mirenkov, aged 27

Amnesty International has learned from the Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that Igor Mirenkov was executed in June 1996.

Fears that Igor Mirenkov, sentenced to death for premeditated murder in August 1995, was facing imminent execution were heightened by an official statement that 24 executions have been carried out so far in 1996.

# FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Russian, English or in your own language:

- expressing regret at Igor Mirenkov's execution, and urging the Clemency Commission and the President to grant clemency to all those remaining on death row in Belarus;
- expressing concern at the very high rate of executions in Belarus during 1996, and reminding the Belarusian authorities that the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 1044 (1994) calls for the abolition of the death penalty in states with guest status to the Council of Europe, which Belarus has, and for clemency in all countries.

#### APPEALS TO:

The President of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko

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Salutation: Dear President

The Head of the Department for Applications for Clemency and Citizenship at the President's Administration (name not known)

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Salutation: Dear Head of Department

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and to diplomatic representatives of Belarus accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 November 1996.