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Further information on EXTRA 124/95 (EUR 50/17/95, 24 October 1995) and follow-up (EUR 50/19/95, 5 December; EUR 50/02/96, 2 February 1996; EUR 50/03/96, 26 February; EUR 50/09/96, 17 July; EUR 50/12/96, 7 November) - Death penalty

UKRAINESergey TEKUCHEV, aged 27

Amnesty International has learned with deep regret that Sergey Tekuchev was executed on 17 October 1996, two days after his transferral to the prison of Dnipropetrovsk. His parents travelled to the prison to find out about the fate of their son, but were only officially told of his death when they were issued with a death certificate on 13 November 1996.

Amnesty International is appalled at this latest example of Ukraine blatantly violating the solemn commitment it made on 26 September 1995 to impose an immediate moratorium on executions as soon as it joined the Council of Europe, which it did on 9 November 1995.

Sergey Tekuchev's parents say that new evidence has come to light which strongly indicates that the criminal charges against their son were fabricated. Sergey Tekuchev was sentenced to death for premeditated, aggravated murder by Stavastopol City Court on 11 September 1995.

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

To all listed officials:

- deploring the execution of Sergey Tekuchev, and the fact that people on death row are still being executed in flagrant violation of Ukraine's commitments to impose a moratorium on executions;
- urging Ukrainian authorities to ensure that all executions are immediately stopped, and that all local authorities are informed that a moratorium on executions is in force;

To the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet Commission for Legal Policy and Court and Legal Reform, Volodymyr STRETOVYCH and Chairman of the Supreme Soviet Commission on Legal Affairs, Law and Order, Leonid BORODICH:

- deploring the execution of Sergey Tekuchev, and inform them of demands that President Kuchma does not sign any more execution orders, and reminding them of the importance of Ukraine honouring its commitment to an immediate moratorium on executions. Also, urge them to rapidly pass legislation abolishing the death penalty for all crimes.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Ukraine accredited to your country.

ADDITIONAL ACTION: Council of Europe *(If possible please send up to 10 letters per section in English to representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly for your country, urging that the Council of Europe addresses the issue of Ukraine's violation of the moratorium on executions as a matter of urgency)*

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 December 1996.