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Further information on EXTRA 41/01 (EUR 62/007/2001, 5 July 2001) and follow-up (EUR 62/013/2001, 3 August; EUR 62/014/2001, 11 October; EUR 62/018/2001, 8 November) - Fear of imminent execution

UZBEKISTANNikolay Ganiyev (m)

Maksim Strakhov (m)

Nigmatullo Fayzullayev (m)

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Nikolay Ganiyev's death sentence was commuted by the Board of the Supreme Court on 14 February. He has nine years and six months left to serve in prison. Maksim Strakhov remains on death row and it is not known whether Nigmatullo Fayzullayev is still alive.

Nikolay Ganiyev's parents told Amnesty International on 22 February: "We saw Nikolay at the station today. He was being transferred to the prison in Andijan to serve his sentence. His eyes were like stars. He couldn't believe it and kept repeating 'I will live'. Nikolay only learnt about the commutation this evening. They led him out of his prison cell, took him to the bath, shaved him. Only then they read out the document informing him of the commutation. We are so grateful to Tamara Chikunova, your organization and the United Nations who all acted on Nikolay's case. This is like our son's second birthday."

In a letter to Amnesty International Larissa Ganiyeva, Nikolay Ganiyev's mother, wrote: "Thanks to your work my son Nikolay is alive. Your work is without price. You helped save his life and gave him hope."

Death penalty activist Tamara Chikunova told Amnesty International: "This is like a miracle. But it is a miracle that would not have happened without the work of Amnesty International."

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible in English, Russian, Uzbek or your own language:**

- welcoming the commutation of Nikolay Ganiyev's death sentence;
- urging the authorities to inform you whether Nigmatullo Fayzullayev is still awaiting execution on death row;
- urging the President to use his constitutional authority to commute the death sentences of Maksim Strakhov and Nigmatullo Fayzullayev, and all other death sentences that come before him;
- asking the authorities to confirm Maksim Strakhov's stay of execution following an intervention by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in October 2001;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of crime and their families, but pointing out that the death penalty has never been shown to deter crime more effectively than other punishments, and is brutalizing to all those involved in its application.

**APPEALS TO (Please note that it may be difficult to send faxes. If a voice answers during office hours, repeat 'fax' until connected; fax machines may be switched off outside office hours -five hours ahead of GMT):**

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**Salutation:** Dear President Karimov,

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdulaziz Khafizovich KOMILOV

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and to diplomatic representatives of Uzbekistan accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 April 2002.