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Further information on UA 254/93 (EUR 62/22/93, 4 August 1993) - Legal concern

UZBEKISTAN: Pulat AKHUNOV
(in cyrillic _____)

Amnesty International has learned that Pulat Akhunov was sentenced on 17 August 1993 to three years in a labour camp for illegal possession of narcotics and assaulting a prison guard. Amnesty International remains deeply concerned that these charges, and a charge of petty hooliganism for which Pulat Akhunov had been given an 18-month prison sentence in December 1992, were fabricated by the authorities to punish him for his opposition political activities. The organization also remains concerned about reports that the trial which has just ended was not conducted fairly because Pulat Akhunov's lawyer was obstructed from calling important witnesses for the defence.

Amnesty International believes that Pulat Akhunov may be a prisoner of conscience, and is calling on the authorities in Uzbekistan to order a review of both his convictions.

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

- expressing concern that Pulat Akhunov has been sentenced to a further three years' imprisonment after what Amnesty International fears may have been an unfair trial;

- calling on the authorities to order a review by way of judicial supervision of Pulat Akhunov's conviction for illegal possession of narcotics and assaulting a prison guard;

- calling on the authorities also to order a review by way of judicial supervision of Pulat Akhunov's earlier conviction for petty hooliganism.

APPEALS TO:

1. The President of Uzbekistan, Islam Karimov:
Respublika Uzbekistan
g. Tashkent
pl. Mustakillik

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Salutation: Dear President Karimov

2. Procurator General of Uzbekistan, Buritosh Mustafoyev:

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ul. Gogolya, 66

Prokuratura Respubliki Uzbekistan

Generalnomu prokuroru Mustafoyevu B.

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Salutation: Dear Procurator General

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan, Sadyk Safayev:

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 September 1993.