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Further information on EXTRA 119/96 (MDE 18/02/96, 29 July 1996) - Fear of Execution

LEBANON Ahmed Hallaq

It has just been reported that on 20 August 1996, a Lebanese amnesty committee confirmed the death sentence imposed on Ahmed Hallaq. The 10-judge committee, which routinely reviews death sentences passed by lower courts, will now send the decision to President Elias Hrawi for either approval or amnesty.

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

- expressing regret at the confirmation of Ahmed Hallaq's death sentence, and calling for it to be commuted;
- stating unconditional opposition to the death penalty and urging that no further executions take place in Lebanon;
- urging the Lebanese Government to sign the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aimed at abolishing the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

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President Elias Hirawi

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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Lebanon accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 September 1996.