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Further Information on UA 308/04 (MDE 20/001/2004, 11 November 2004) – Imminent Execution

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Rebecca Thompson (f), aged 44, US citizen

US national Rebecca Thompson is no longer at risk of execution. The Sultan of Oman has reportedly commuted her death sentence to 15 years' imprisonment.

Her daughter issued a press statement on 18 January, saying, "I would like to thank the hundreds of people that have written letters on my mother's behalf: I truly believe every single one of them made a difference."

Rebecca Thompson was sentenced to death on 8 May 2004 for the murder of her husband, Mark Lee Thompson. The sentence was upheld by the Appeal court on 17 July and then by the Supreme Court on 9 November. Three other defendants in the same case were sentenced to prison terms. Among them was one minor, who received a suspended sentence.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case and take further action as necessary.