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Further information on EXTRA 76/95 (AFR 29/03/95, 23 June 1995) - Death Penalty

GUINEA

Sékou Bangoura (m)

On 25 January 1996, the Court of Cassation (*Cours de Cassation*) confirmed the death sentence imposed on Sékou Bangoura. Amnesty International fears that his execution, by firing squad, may be imminent.

The government announced in late 1994 that it would be taking a strong stance against rising crime, including armed robbery, and in December 1994, a government spokesman announced reporters that the death penalty was provided for in the Penal Code and would henceforth be enforced against armed robbers and those found guilty of murder. President Lansana Conté is reported to have already stated that he does not intend to grant clemency in the case of Sékou Bangoura and five others whose death sentences were also confirmed on 25 January 1996 (see Further information on EXTRA 96/95, AFR 29/01/96, 30 January 1996).

Sékou Bangoura was convicted of murder on 6 June 1995 by the Assizes Court in the capital, Conakry. He was alleged to have thrown a grenade into a bar in the Gbessia suburb of Conakry after a dispute over money on the night of 10 May 1995: three people were killed in the incident and several others were injured.

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

- expressing deep concern at the confirmation of the death sentence imposed on Sékou Bangoura;
- urgently appealing that his execution is not carried out and urging President Lansana Conté to exercise clemency and to commute the sentence;
- stating that Amnesty International, while not condoning the crimes for which Sékou Bangoura was convicted, is unconditionally opposed to the death penalty in all cases on the grounds that it is a cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment which violates the right to life and which is shown to have no special deterrent effect.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 March 1996.