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Further information on EXTRA 29/93 (AFR 46/01/93, 15 March 1993) - Death Penalty

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The four prisoners named above who were due to be executed in Chikurubi Maximum Security Prison in Harare on 16 March 1993 have been granted a temporary stay of execution.

The Zimbabwe High Court granted the stay of execution on 15 March 1993 after a petition was submitted by the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace which stated that the death penalty violated Zimbabwe's constitution forbidding inhuman punishment. No decision will be taken on whether the four should hang until the appeal by the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace is heard in the Supreme Court. The hearing is likely to occur within the next three weeks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- welcoming the stay of execution granted to the four prisoners named above who were scheduled to be executed on 16 March 1993;

- urging that President Mugabe urgently exercise his powers of clemency so that the sentences of death are commuted to a lesser punishment;

- explaining that Amnesty International considers that the death penalty is the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment as prohibited by Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards;

- calling for an immediate moratorium on all executions until an exhaustive review of the death penalty has taken place in Zimbabwe.

APPEALS TO

1) President Robert Mugabe
President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
Office of the President
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Harare

Zimbabwe

Telegrams: President Mugabe, Harare, Zimbabwe

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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) The Hon. Dumiso Dabengwa
Minister of Home Affairs
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Harare
Zimbabwe

Telegrams: Minister of Home Affairs, Harare, Zimbabwe

Telexes: 22141 ZIMGOV ZW

(marked for the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs)

Salutation: Dear Minister

3) The Hon. Emmerson D Mnangagwa
Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs
Ministry of Justice
Mapondera Bldg
Private Bag 7704
Causeway
Harare
Zimbabwe

Telegrams: Minister of Justice, Harare, Zimbabwe

Telexes: 22141 ZIMGOV ZW

(marked for the attention of the Minister of Justice)

Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

1) The Hon. Dr Nathan Shamuyarira
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Munhumutapa Bldg
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2) Mr Langton Chigwida
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and to diplomatic representatives of Zimbabwe accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 April 1993.