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SOUTH AFRICA (Bophuthatswana): Zacharia MACHAISA, aged 25

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The Bophuthatswana authorities have announced a six-month moratorium on executions in the "homeland", apparently in order to allow for a debate on the question of the death penalty to take place. Amnesty International does not yet have details of how that debate is to be conducted. There are eight prisoners currently under sentence of death in Bophuthatswana, including Zacharia Machaisa, as well as Stephen Mashinini, Samuel Mnisi and Jonathan Molema who received last-minute stays of execution on 5 November 1992.

Amnesty International requests that no further action be taken on this case. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.