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Further information on EXTRA 108/96 (AMR 22/06/96, 17 July 1996) - Death Penalty

CHILE Cupertino Segundo ANDAUR CONTRERAS, aged 46

Yesterday, 19 August, the Second Chamber [*Segunda Sala*] of the Chilean Supreme Court confirmed the sentence of death passed against Cupertino Segundo Andaur Contreras by the Santiago Appeals Court on 30 May 1996. Cupertino Segundo Andaur had been found guilty of the murder of nine-year-old Víctor Zamorano Jones during a robbery in December 1992.

All avenues of appeal against the sentence have now been exhausted and the only hope for clemency rests with President Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle. Amnesty International is urgently appealing to the president to exercise his constitutional powers to commute Cupertino Segundo Andaur's death sentence to a prison term.

Amnesty International condemns the use of the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and a violation of the right to life.

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

- noting that President Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle has repeatedly expressed his opposition to the death penalty and urging that he exercise his constitutional powers to commute the death sentence against Cupertino Segundo Andaur Contreras;
- recognizing the right of governments to bring the perpetrators of violent crime to justice;
- explaining your opposition to the use of the death penalty as the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and a violation of the right to life, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- pointing out that the death penalty has never been shown to have a unique deterrent effect and state that you believe the use of the death penalty to be a retrograde step for the protection of human rights in Chile;
- calling for the total abolition of the death penalty in Chile, drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the use of the death penalty, the desirability of which was reaffirmed in Resolution 32/61 of 8 December 1977 of the United Nations General Assembly.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 17 September 1996.