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Further information on EXTRA 73/99 (AMR 49/09/99, 18 June 1999) and follow-ups (AMR 49/10/99, 21 June 1999; AMR 49/13/99, 22 July 1999) - Death Penalty

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO Anthony Briggs**

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The government of Trinidad and Tobago has scheduled Anthony Briggs to be hanged on Wednesday 28 July 1999.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes in English or your own language:**

- urging the government not to hang Anthony Briggs;
- reminding the government that the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has ordered the state to preserve his life until it has considered his case and that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has recommended commutation of his death sentence;
- reminding the government that despite the ruling of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on 22 July, the government is obliged under international law to comply with the order of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to preserve his life;
- pointing out that by taking steps to execute Anthony Briggs while the order is still in place violates the government's international obligations to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and seriously undermines the inter-American system for human rights protection which has been built up over the past 50 years;
- urging the government to implement the recommendation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to provide effective remedy for violations of his rights guaranteed by the American Convention on Human Rights, including commutation of his sentence;
- reminding the government that despite its withdrawal from the American Convention on Human Rights and its withdrawal of the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on 26 May 1999, it is obliged to provide effective remedy for violations of the American Convention on Human Rights that occurred before that date, and is still obliged to comply with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in cases filed with those bodies before 26 May 1999;
- pointing out that the death penalty is the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment, which violates the right to life and has a brutalizing effect on all involved in its application.

**APPEALS TO:**

Prime Minister

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**Salutation: Dear Prime Minister**

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**Salutation:Dear Attorney General**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Trinidad and Tobago accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 July 1999.