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Further information on EXTRA 64/99 (ASA 35/15/99, 24 May 1999) and follow-up (ASA 35/16/99) - Imminent execution

PHILIPPINES Pablito Andan

Pablito Andan has been granted a reprieve of 90 days until 25 October 1999. It is his third reprieve since May 1999.

Pablito Andan was convicted and sentenced to death for rape and murder in August 1994. He testified at his trial that he had been tortured during interrogation to force him to confess. His execution was originally scheduled to take place on 28 May, and postponed until 28 June. A second reprieve was then granted until 27 July.

A government spokesman said that the third reprieve was granted on the recommendation of the three-member presidential review panel, which is assigned to determine whether there is a basis for President Estrada to grant clemency. The panel is led by Executive Secretary Ronaldo Zamora, with Justice Secretary Serafin Cuevas and Chief Presidential Legal counsel Magdangal Elma.

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

- welcoming the three month reprieve granted by President Estrada to Pablito Andan;
- calling on the President to commute his death sentence;
- expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life;
- expressing concern at reports that Pablito Andan was tortured during interrogation, a factor which may have prejudiced the fairness of his trial, and calling for a prompt and impartial investigation into these allegations, as required by the UN Convention Against Torture;
- urging the Philippines to suspend all executions, with a view to completely abolishing the death penalty, in line with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998.

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Salutation: Dear President Estrada

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 October 1999.