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**Further information on EXTRA 30/93 (ASA 38/03/93, 17 March 1993) - Death Penalty**

**TAIWAN (Republic of China): LIU Huan-jong, aged 36, former gang-member**

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Liu Huan-jong was executed by shooting on 23 March 1993, in spite of appeals for clemency from Amnesty International and from abolitionists in Taiwan. His lawyer had requested to present a new special appeal to the Supreme Court after it decided on 5 March to uphold Liu Huan-jong's death sentence.

Local human rights groups, members of the public and over 20 politicians joined in the campaign to save Liu Huan-jong, arguing that he had become a "model prisoner". A politician who called for clemency is reported to have said: "I think sparing him would be more useful to society than executing him, because he could use himself as an example to reform other prisoners and people on the wrong track."

The Minister of Justice, Ma Ying-jeou, is reported to have said that he had ordered the execution after "careful consideration" saying, "Before the current death sentence system is revised, we can do nothing but to conform to it".

After the execution Liu Huan-jong's heart and corneas were removed, following his reported wish to donate these organs.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases on the grounds that it constitutes the ultimate form of torture and inhuman punishment and that it is a violation of the right to life. It has also expressed concern to the authorities about the ethical questions surrounding the use of organs from executed prisoners.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters:**

- expressing dismay at the execution of Liu Huan-jung, in spite of the many appeals for clemency;

- expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty on the grounds that it constitutes the ultimate form of torture and inhuman punishment and that it is a violation of the right to life;

- urging the authorities to abolish the death penalty and to suspend all executions until abolition is effective in law.

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