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Further information on UA 416/94 (EUR 50/11/94, 28 November 1994) - Fear of imminent execution

UKRAINE Aleksandr Vitalyevich DATSENKO, aged 25

(_____)

Amnesty International fears that Aleksandr Datsenko faces imminent execution after his appeal for clemency was turned down by the President of Ukraine on 13 March 1995. It is reported that he was granted a (possible last) visit from his mother on 28 March.

Aleksandr Datsenko was sentenced to death for murder and rape by the Military Court of the Central Military District on 14 February 1994. At the time of the crime in November 1991 he was conscripted into the Soviet Army but had illegally left his unit. His appeal against the death sentence was rejected by the Supreme Court of Ukraine on 1 February 1995. At the moment he is held on death row in Donetsk isolation prison No. 1.

According to unofficial sources there were 12 executions in the Donetsk region during the first two months of this year.

Amnesty International has no further information on the current situation of the other three men that were subject of the original Urgent Action.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases and without reservation, on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organization is appealing to the President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma, to reverse his decision and commute the death sentence passed on Aleksandr Datsenko.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or your own language (or Ukrainian if this is possible without delay):

- urging President Kuchma to reconsider his decision not to grant clemency to Aleksandr Vitalyevich Datsenko, and to commute the death sentence;
- urging President Kuchma to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

APPEALS TO

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 May 1995.