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Fear of imminent execution

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Ukraine

Vladimir Vitalyevich Sorochinsky, aged 22  
( \_\_\_\_\_ in Russian)

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Vladimir Vitalyevich Sorochinsky faces imminent execution unless his death sentence is commuted by the President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma. His appeal against his death sentence was turned down by the Ukrainian Supreme Court on 9 February 1995.

Vladimir Sorochinsky was sentenced to death for premeditated murder (Article 93 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code) by the Vinnitsa regional court on 23 November 1994.

Amnesty International is opposed to 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 or degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organisation is appealing to the President of Ukraine, Leonid Kuchma, to commute Vladimir Sorochinsky's death sentence.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English, Ukrainian or Russian, without delay:**

- urging President Kuchma to grant clemency to Vladimir Sorochinsky and to commute his death sentence;
- urging President Kuchma to commute all other death sentences that come before him.

**APPEALS TO**

President of Ukraine, Leonid Danilovich Kuchma  
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**Salutation: Dear President**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Ukraine accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 June 1995.