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Further information on EXTRA 140/95 (EUR 57/08/95, 13 November 1995) - Fear of imminent execution

KAZAKHSTANBoris TIMOFEYEV (_______ in Russian)

Amnesty International has learned with deep regret that Boris Timofeyev was executed on 16 November 1995.

The General Procurator of Kazakhstan informed a human rights group in Kazakhstan that the execution had taken place. However, Boris Timofeyev's relatives have not yet been officially informed.

Boris Timofeyev's petition for clemency was turned down by the Clemency Commission of Kazakhstan, and the President of Kazakhstan upheld this decision.

FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amnesty International has received information that during 1994 47 death sentences were upheld in Kazakhstan, and that there was only one case when clemency was given. It is also said that in 1995 40 people have had their petitions for clemency refused, and that clemency has been given in one case only.

Amnesty International has learned of similar cases in Kazakhstan where the families of people sentenced to death have not been informed of the date of execution in advance. Similar practices are known to have taken place in some former Soviet republics, such as Ukraine and Belarus.

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

- expressing deep regret at the execution of Boris Timofeyev;
- urging President Nazarbayev to commute all other death sentences that come before him;
- urging the Kazakh authorities to put an end to the agonizing uncertainty the families of death row prisoners are experiencing by keeping them fully and promptly informed about each stage of the prisoner's case.

APPEALS TO:

1. The President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev

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Salutation: Dear Prezident Nazarbayev

2. The Chairman of the Clemency Commission, name not known.
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Komissiya po voprosam pomilovaniya Predsedatelyu

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.