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Further information (2) on UA 151/96 (EUR 58/07/96, 25 June 1996) and follow-up (EUR 58/08/96) - Fear of Imminent Execution

KYRGYZSTANNikolai Sokolov, aged 37

No final decision has yet been made on the case of Nikolai Sokolov, who was sentenced to death in April 1996, for the murder of one man and the attempted murder of another.

Although it is reported that the Clemency Commission has already decided against recommending clemency, the possibility remains that President Askar Akayev may exercise his constitutional authority to commute the sentence. An appeal for judicial review also remains before the Supreme Court and will be considered by the Court's Chair and Presidium in the coming weeks.

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

- repeating appeals to the President to commute Nikolai Sokolov's death sentence;
- urging the Chair and Presidium of the Supreme Court to use their judicial powers to ensure that Nikolai Sokolov's death sentence is not carried out;
- restating your unconditional opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Kyrgyzstan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 November 1996.