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**Further information on UA 115/00 (EUR 62/10/00, 11 May 2000) - Imminent danger of execution/harsh prison conditions**

**UZBEKISTAN Rafael Farkhatovich Mubarakshin ( \_\_\_\_\_ ),  
aged 21**

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Amnesty International believes that the Uzbek authorities intend to execute Rafael Mubarakshin very shortly.

They have recently stopped allowing his mother to visit him in prison. This is particularly worrying, because the mother of another prisoner sentenced to death, Dmitry Chikunov, was refused permission to visit him on 11 July. She found out the next day that he had been executed on 10 July. (see UA 184/00, EUR 62/13/00, 28 June 2000, and follow-up, EUR 62/18/00, 13 July; News service items No. 137, EUR 62/14/00 and EUR 62/17/00).

Dmitry Chikunov was executed eight months after he was sentenced to death, in November 1999. Rafael Mubarakshin was sentenced to death one month after him.

The Ombudsman for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Sayora Rashidova, has written to Amnesty International in response to appeals from the Urgent Action network, saying that the Tashkent City Court was right to sentence Rafael Mubarakshin to death, and that the Supreme Court was right to uphold the sentence.

According to Rafael Mubarakshin's mother, his lawyer was not present when the Supreme Court rejected his appeal on 14 February, because he had not been told when the hearing would take place.

Rafael Mubarakshin, a student at Tashkent Aviation Institute, was convicted of the premeditated, aggravated murder of another student and sentenced to death in December 1999. He was reportedly ill-treated in detention at Khamzinsky police station in Tashkent. His mother says that he confessed to the murder and told her: "I want to redeem my guilt. I want to serve my sentence, but I want to live."

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/ airmail letters in RUSSIAN or in your own language:**

- urging the President to use his constitutional authority to commute the death sentence passed on Rafael Mubarakshin, as well as all other death sentences that come before him, mentioning that Rafael Mubarakshin confesses to the crime and asks to be given the chance to redeem his guilt;
- urging the authorities to enter a new stage of their "policy to abolish the death penalty by stages" and impose a moratorium on death sentences and executions pending a comprehensive review of the death penalty, in line with the international trend towards abolition of the death penalty;
- expressing concern at allegations that Rafael Mubarakshin was ill-treated in detention at Khamzinsky police station and asking the authorities to launch an independent and impartial investigation into these allegations;
- expressing sympathy for the victims of crime and their families, but pointing out that the death penalty has never been shown to deter crime more effectively than other punishments, and is brutalizing to all those involved in its application.

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Head of the Clemency Department at the President's Office

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