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Further information on UA 65/94 (MDE 12/03/94, 21 February 1994) - and follow-up:  
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EGYPT:Hammada Mohammad LUTFI

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Amnesty International has received reports that Hammada Mohammad Lutfi was recently arrested in the southern town of Mallawi. Hammada Mohammad Lutfi was sentenced to death in absentia by a military court at the military barracks in Sidi Barrani, close to the Libyan border, in February 1994. The charges against him include membership of an armed Islamist opposition group, al-Gama'a al-Islamiya, and planning the assassination of President Mubarak. Hammada Mohammad Lutfi could be executed within days since his sentence was upheld.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Arabic, French, English or your own language:**

-expressing concern that Hammada Mohammad Lutfi has been sentenced to death and urging that the President use his constitutional right to grant clemency to commute this and all other pending death sentences; if he is executed, Amnesty International will consider it to be a summary and arbitrary execution;  
-expressing concern at the upsurge in the use of the death penalty in Egypt (58 death sentences have been passed by military courts since December 1992 and 41 executions have now taken place), and explaining Amnesty International's opposition to the death penalty as a violation of the right to life and the most extreme form of cruel and inhuman punishment;  
-drawing attention to world trends to abolish or reduce the death penalty, in accordance with Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights, to which Egypt is a state party.

**APPEALS TO:**

His Excellency  
Mohammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
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**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Corniche al-Nil  
Cairo, Egypt  
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Dr Fathi Sorour  
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The People's Assembly

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and to diplomatic representatives of Egypt accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 December 1994.