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Further information on EXTRA 115/96 (MDE 13/26/96, 25 July 1996) and follow-ups (MDE 13/27/96, 1 August; MDE 13/39/96, 25 November; MDE 13/41/96, 30 December; MDE 13/01/97, 6 January 1997) - Death Penalty / Flogging / Torture / Unfair Trial

IRAN **Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani (f)**

Unconfirmed reports have suggested that Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani may be executed on 31 January 1997. According to Iranian newspaper reports, she was sentenced to death after conviction on charges including "organising 'corrupt gatherings' with prostitutes, alcohol, drugs, music and dance 'to establish immoral contacts with people in various political bodies'".

Amnesty International believes that her arrest is connected with the case of her husband, who was reportedly executed on 30 December 1996 or 1 January 1997.

The organization opposes the death penalty in all cases on the grounds that it constitutes the ultimate cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment, and that it violates the right to life.

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

- urging that Sheyda Khoramzadeh not be executed;
- asking for details of the charges or sentence passed against Sheyda Khoramzadeh Esfahani;
- seeking information about the details of the trial of Sheyda Khoramzadeh, including whether she has had access to a lawyer of her choice.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND YOUR APPEALS IMMEDIATELY