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Further information on UA 259/92 (EUR 53/01/92, 7 August 1992) - Death Penalty

REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA: A. Novadkis (name previously unknown to Amnesty International)

Amnesty International has learned that a man has been executed in Lithuania for the murder of a 14-year-old girl. The sources of this information is the press agency Baltfax and the Lithuanian newspaper Respublika. The man executed was named by the latter as A. Novadkis, a factory worker who was married. The organization has received no independent confirmation of the identity of the man executed. This is the first execution to have been carried out in Lithuania since restoration of independence in March 1990.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals on the man's behalf. Please send additional appeals as set out below.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters preferably in english, french or german or your own language:

- expressing regret at the recent execution in Lithuania;
- expressing disappointment that the death sentence in this case was not commuted, as has happened in all other cases since restoration of independence in March 1990;
- expressing the view that this execution is a retrograde step when the worldwide trend is moving towards total abolition of the death penalty;
- urging the commutation of any executions pending in the Republic of Lithuania.

APPEALS TO:

1. The Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania:

Vytautas Landsbergis

Chairman of the Supreme Council

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2026 Vilnius

Republic of Lithuania

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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2. The Chairman of the Clemency Commission of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania:

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Supreme Council
Gedimino pr. 53
2026 Vilnius
Republic of Lithuania

Salutation: Dear Chairman

Telegrams: Chairman Clemency Commission, Vilnius, Lithuania

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3. Procurator General of the Republic of Lithuania:

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Smetonos 6
2709 Vilnius
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Salutation: Dear Procurator General

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4. Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania:

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania:

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and to diplomatic representatives of the REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.