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Further information on EXTRA 28/00 (EUR 60/02/00, 30 March 2000) - Fear of imminent execution/death penalty/fear for safety/harsh prison conditions

TAJIKISTAN Dilfuza Numonova (????????? ??????????), aged 21

Dilfuza Numonova will not be executed. Her death sentence was replaced with 15 years' imprisonment by the Presidium of the Supreme Court of Tajikistan on 25 July.

According to reliable sources she will be transferred to the women's prison in the town of Khodzhand, about 200km north of the capital, Dushanbe, where she is presently held at the Dushanbe City Prison. There are indications that she will be given favourable treatment, including permission for regular family visits and medical treatment.

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and Amnesty International had both been pressing the Tajik authorities not to execute Dilfuza Numonova.

She had been sentenced to death in January 2000, after a reportedly unfair trial, for the November 1999 shooting of her lover. She has consistently maintained that she is innocent and had confessed under duress. She also claimed that she was forced to have an abortion after she had been sentenced to death: under Tajik law, pregnant women may not be executed.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Those who wish to do so may send a final round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters, in Russian or your own language:

- welcoming the decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Court not to execute Dilfuza Numonova;
- urging the authorities to investigate allegations that she was forced to have an abortion, and otherwise ill-treated, and asking the authorities to guarantee that those responsible will be brought to justice;
- urging the Tajik authorities to build on this experience and issue a moratorium on death sentences and executions, to commute all pending death sentences and move towards full abolition of the death penalty.

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