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Further information on EXTRA 06/96 (EUR 50/01/96, 15 January 1996) and follow-up (EUR 50/04/96, 27 February, EUR 50/05/96, 10 April, EUR 50/06/96, 24 April) - Fear of Imminent Execution

UKRAINE Vitaly GUMENYUK, aged 24

Amnesty International has learned with deep concern that on 30 June 1996, Vitaly Gumenyuk was taken from the investigation isolation prison in Zhitomir to Lukyanov prison in Kiev where it is believed that executions are held. Amnesty International fears that Vitaly Gumenyuk is now in imminent danger of execution.

Vitaly Gumenyuk's clemency petition was turned down by the President of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma earlier this year despite the fact that Ukraine, by having joined the Council of Europe on 9 November 1995 committed itself to impose an immediate moratorium on executions and to abolish the death penalty within three years.

In response to previous Urgent Actions, Senator Imanol Bolinaga of the Basque Nationalist Party intervened on behalf of Vitaly Gumenyuk during the Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe of 23 April 1996 and urged President Kuchma to do everything in his power to stop his execution. President Kuchma confirmed that he would look into the case.

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

- expressing alarm that Vitaly Gumenyuk may face imminent execution following the President's decision to uphold his death sentence despite the moratorium and despite the President's assurances to look into the case;
- urging President Kuchma to reverse his decision to refuse clemency to Vitaly Gumenyuk, to stop the execution and to commute all other death sentences that come before him;
- urging the Ukrainian authorities to ensure that, as a member of the Council of Europe, they fully respect all commitments undertaken to impose an immediate moratorium on executions, and to abolish the death penalty within three years.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Ukraine accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 August 1996.