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Further information on UA 277/94 (EUR 56/07/94, 19 July 1994) and follow-ups (EUR 56/09/94, 18 August; EUR 56/10/94, 7 September; EUR 56/11/94, 21 September; EUR 56/02/95, 31 January 1995) - Fear of torture / legal concern / medical concern / death penalty

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 Zurab BARDZHIMASHVILI
 Zaza TSIKLARI
 Viktor DOMUKHOVSKY
 Mamuka DANELIA
 Irakli DOKVADZE
 Petre GELBAKHIANI

On 6 March 1995 the Supreme Court of the Republic of Georgia sentenced Irakli Dokvadze and Petre Gelbakhiani to death without right of appeal. Fifteen other defendants received prison sentences ranging from 14 years to two-and-a-half years. Of the men named above, Viktor Domukhovsky was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, Zaza Tsiklauri to 5 years' and Mamuka Danelia to two-and-a-half years'. As reported in UA Update EUR 56/02/95 of 31 January 1995, the charges against Omari Kochlamazashvili and Zurab Bardzhimashvili have been removed from this case, but they reportedly remain in detention and charges against them still stand.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases and without reservation, on the grounds that it is a violation of the right to life. The denial of the right of appeal in this case is also a violation of the internationally recognized right to appeal to a court of higher jurisdiction in capital cases. Amnesty International is calling for the commutation of the death sentences passed on Irakli Dokvadze and Petre Gelbakhiani.

Amnesty International remains concerned about allegations that proceedings in this trial have fallen short of international standards, that defendants were tortured, and that they have suffered ill-health as a result of their conditions of detention.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- urging the commutation of the death sentences passed on Irakli Dokvadze and Petre Gelbakhiani;
- continuing to urge that all reports of ill-treatment in detention are investigated swiftly and impartially, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of GEORGIA accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 April 1995