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Further Information on UA 204/07 (ASA 33/017/2007, 7 August 2007) and follow-up (ASA 33/018/2007, 9 August 2007) – Imminent Execution

PAKISTAN

Mohammad Ali (m), aged 45

Mohammad Ali's 15-day stay of execution expired on 24 August, but it will take a further two weeks for a new death warrant to be issued and a new execution date to be set. His family are still negotiating with the family of the man he was convicted of murdering to agree compensation in exchange for pardoning him. If they reach an agreement within two weeks, Mohammad Ali will be set free.

Mohammad Ali was convicted of murdering a man called Fayaz in 1996. He was sentenced to death in 1998 and his appeal was rejected by the High Court; his second and final appeal was rejected by the Supreme Court in 2006.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- calling on the President to use his powers under Article 45 of the Constitution to commute the death sentence handed down to Mohammad Ali (case number 241/96);
- urging the authorities to do everything possible to ensure that Mohammad Ali's family are successful in their negotiations with the family of Fayaz;
- calling for an immediate moratorium on all executions in Pakistan, in line with the worldwide trend towards complete abolition of the death penalty.

APPEALS TO:

President Pervez Musharaff
Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan
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Salutation: Dear President Musharaff

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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 9 October 2007.