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> QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Note verbale dated 7 August 1997 from the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and has the honour to request dissemination of the attached statement of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office at Geneva as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights and the current session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

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ANNEX

<u>Statement of the Permanent Mission of Georgia</u> <u>to the United Nations Office at Geneva</u>

Geneva, 29 July 1997

By his decree of 25 July 1997 [N-387] the President of Georgia, Edouard Shevardnadze, pardoned 54 condemned persons for whom capital punishment was replaced by 20-year terms of imprisonment.

In Georgia, from February 1995, a moratorium on implementation of sentences of capital punishment has in fact been under way.

Today in Georgia no person is sentenced to capital punishment.

(<u>Signed</u>) Alexander KAVSADZE Chargé d'affaires Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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