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GUINEA-BISSAU: João da Costa  
Tagmé Na Waié

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João da Costa, President of the Partido da Renovação Democrática (PRD), Democratic Renewal Party, and Tagmé Na Waié, member of the Resistência da Guiné-Bissau: Movimento Bafatá (RGB-MB), Guinea-Bissau Resistance - Bafatá Movement, were released on Friday 6 August 1993. They had been arrested on 2 August 1993 for criticizing the government, without using or advocating violence, in defiance of bail conditions imposed after a previous period of detention without charge or trial which banned them from engaging in public political activities.

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

- welcoming the release of João da Costa and Tagmé Na Waié;
- urging that the restrictions placed upon them as a condition of their release be dropped unless they are to be promptly charged with a recognizably criminal offence and given a fair and public trial;
- calling also for the release of all those still held in connection with the alleged coup attempt in March 1993 unless they are to be promptly charged with a recognizably criminal offence and fairly tried.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President:

Sua Excelência  
Presidente João Bernardo Vieira  
Gabinete do Presidente da República  
Praça dos Heróis Nacionais, Bissau  
República da Guiné-Bissau

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**Salutation: Excelência / Dear President**

2) Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Sua Excelência  
Bernardino Cardoso

Ministro De Negócios Estrangeiros e Cooperação Nacional  
Ministério de Negócios Estrangeiros e Cooperação Nacional  
Praça dos Heróis Nacionais  
Bissau, República da Guiné-Bissau

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**Salutation: Excelência / Dear Minister**

3) Minister of Justice:

Sua Excelência

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Ministro da Justiça

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Avenida Amílcar Cabral

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República da Guiné-Bissau

**Telegrams: Ministro da Justiça Mamadú Saliu Dialó Pires, Bissau, República da Guiné-Bissau**

**Salutation: Excelência / Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:** diplomatic representatives of Guinea-Bissau accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 September 1993.