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**Further information on UA 128/98 (AFR 32/12/98, 23 April 1998) - Illegal detention / Fear for safety / Fear of refoulement / Health concern**

**KENYA Dima Noggo, Ethiopian opposition representative, former Ethiopian government minister**

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Dima Noggo was allowed to leave Kenya on the night of 23 April 1998 to return to his family in Germany.

Since his arrest in Nairobi on 16 April he had been moved to different police stations and was under the control of the Department of Security Intelligence (Special Branch). He was interrogated but not physically ill-treated. The conditions under which he was held were harsh and he fell ill with diarrhoea but was denied medical treatment for some days. He was held incommunicado throughout and was not charged or taken to court, despite the legal requirement to take prisoners to court within 24 hours.

The precise reason for his arrest is unclear but it seems to have involved the Ethiopian embassy. He had previously visited Kenya and met Kenyan government officials in the context of mediation between the OLF and the Ethiopian government.

No further action is required. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.