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Please bring this action to the attention of the person in your section responsible for outreach work as it is felt that appeals from trade unions may be particularly effective.

Further information on UA 114/92 (AFR 36/09/92, 6 April 1992) - and follow up AFR 36/10/92, 14 April 1992 - Legal concern/fear of extrajudicial execution

MALAWI:Chakufwa CHIHANA, aged 52, international trade union official

William CHISIMBA	}	staff members of the
Florence LUNGU (female)	}	Southern Africa Trade Union
Yaredson NGWIRA	}	Coordination Council (SATUCC)
Lloyd TEMBO	}	
Joseph MARIBOWE	}	

The five staff members of the Southern Africa Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUUC) named above, have been released without charge (William Chisimba, Florence Lungu, Yaredson Ngwira, Lloyd Tembo and Joseph Maribowe). However, Chakufwa Chihana remains in detention without charge. He is now believed to be held at Zomba Central Prison. Following an application to the High Court on his behalf, he is due to appear in court on 6 May 1992 when he may be charged with a criminal offence. However, Amnesty International is continuing to call for his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

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

- welcoming the release of William Chisimba and the other four members of the staff of SATUCC;

- continuing to seek assurances of Chakufwa Chihana's physical safety and that he is allowed visits from his family and a lawyer of his choice;

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Chakufwa Chihana as a prisoner of conscience.

APPEALS TO:

1) H E The Life-President Ngwazi Dr H. Kamuzu Banda
Office of the President and Cabinet
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Lilongwe 3
Malawi

Telegrams: Life-President Banda, Lilongwe, Malawi

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[Salutation: Your Excellency]

2) Hon. J Z U Tembo
Minister of State in the Office of the President
P/Bag 301
Lilongwe 3
Malawi

Telegrams: Minister of State Tembo, Lilongwe, Malawi
[Salutation: Dear Minister]

3) Mr MacWilliam Lunguzi
Inspector-General of Police
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Telegrams: Inspector-General of Police, Lunguzi, Lilongwe, Malawi
[Salutation: Dear Sir]

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Southern Africa Trade Union Co-ordination Council
PO Box 1271
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Malawi

The Editor
The Weekly Post
Private Bag EF 352
Lusaka
Zambia

The Editor
The Weekend Gazette
PO Box 66070
Harare
Zimbabwe

and to diplomatic representatives of Malawi in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 June 1992.