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Further information on UA 52/99 (AFR 47/08/99, 22 March 1999) and follow-ups (AFR 47/09/99, 22 March 1999; AFR 47/10/99, 8 April 1999; AFR 47/11/99, 12 April 1999; AFR 47/13/99, 18 August 1999) - Fear for safety / Death penalty / Unfair trial

RWANDABonaventure Ubalijoro, former leader of the political party *Mouvement démocratique républicain* (MDR), Democratic Republic Movement

Eustache Nkerinka] Members of parliament
Jacques Maniraguha] for the MDR
Jean-Léonard Bizimana]

The trial of Bonaventure Ubalijoro, which was due to begin on 19 August 1999, has been postponed. The trial is now apparently due to take place on or around 9 September. The details of the formal charges against him remain unconfirmed.

Eustache Nkerinka remains under house arrest.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in French, English or your own language:

- appealing to the authorities to ensure that Bonaventure Ubalijoro receives a fair trial and that all his rights as a defendant are respected;
- asking for clarification of the precise crimes of which he is accused;
- expressing concern that he may be sentenced to death if found guilty of endangering state security;
- expressing your unconditional opposition to the use of the death penalty as a state-sanctioned violation of the right to life and urging the authorities to refrain from imposing a death sentence;
- asking for the legal justification for keeping Eustache Nkerinka under house arrest for five months and calling for his release unless he is charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought to trial in accordance with international standards.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister / Monsieur le Ministre

Monsieur Pierre-Célestin RWIGEMA

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Salutation:Monsieur le Premier Ministre / Dear Prime Minister

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diplomatic representatives of Rwanda accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 September 1999.