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Further information on (UA 293/01, 21 November 2001) - Prisoner of conscience/
Torture/ Harsh Prison conditions

TOGO Houndjo Mawudzro (m), Secretary of the National Union of Togolese Students,
Union nationale des étudiants togolais
(UNET)

Houndjo Mawudzro was released on 28 November. He was not tortured while in detention, though he still faces charges of defamation of character and false accusation, in connection with the press statement he made giving details of the torture he suffered when first detained in September.

The day before he was released, Houndjo Mawudzro was taken to the State prosecutor who reportedly asked him whether he liked Togo and added "because of you, people are telling things about your country" referring to appeals generated by this appeal.

Many thanks to the those who sent appeals.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send a appeals in French or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Houndjo Mawudzro, but calling on the Togolese authorities to drop the charges of defamation of character and false accusation, which are still pending against him;
- calling on the authorities to investigate allegations of torture by members of the security forces and urging them to take immediate measures against anyone suspected of human rights violations, in accordance with international standards.

APPEALS TO:

President of Republic

Son Excellence

Monsieur le Général Gnassingbé Eyadéma

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Salutation: Mr President

Minister of Interior

General Sizing Akawilou Wala

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Salutation: Dear Minister

Minister de la Justice

General Seyi Mémène

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Le combat du Peuple BP 4682, Lomé, Togo **Fax + 228 222 65 89** (It is also a phone
number . When the calls is answered say "je voudrais envoyer un fax, s'il vous
plaît" and dial again)

and to diplomatic representatives of Togo accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 January 2002.