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Further information (3) on UA 27/97 (AMR 18/02/97, 28 January 1997) and follow-ups AMR 18/04/97, 21 February, and AMR 18/06/97, 19 March - Fear for safety

BOLIVIADr Waldo Albarracín, human rights defender, and his family

Dr Waldo Albarracín and his family continue to suffer harassment and death threats at their new address. They had been forced to abandon their home earlier this year following death threats and harassment of family members. Amnesty International remains deeply concerned for their safety, particularly in view of the Bolivian Government's failure to provide them with any protection. To Amnesty International's knowledge, no investigation has yet been initiated into any of the threats against the family.

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

- again expressing fears for the safety of Dr. Waldo Albarracín and his family, following renewed death threats against them;
- urging that an immediate investigation be carried out in these and previous threats, that the findings be made public and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- asking to be informed of the results of the investigation, initiated by the Commission of Constitution, Justice and Judicial Police of the Chamber of Deputies, into the abduction and torture of Dr Albarracín by eight policemen on 25 January 1997;
- urging that immediate, adequate and appropriate protection be provided for the Dr. Albarracín and his family.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Bolivia accredited to your country.

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