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BRAZIL: Juvêncio Mazzarollo

On 2 December 1983 the Brazilian Congress approved a series of amendments to Law 6.620/78, the *Lei de Segurança Nacional* (Law of National Security). These amendments abolish certain offences and reduce the penalties for others. The amendments were subsequently approved by President João Figueiredo and were published in the official gazette.

It was widely expected that the revision of the Law of National Security would lead to the release of all political prisoners in Brazil. However, before the releases can take place all cases have to be reviewed by the courts. Therefore, defence lawyers are required to present a request for *adequação das penas* (review of sentences).

Juvêncio Mazzarollo's sentence has not yet been reviewed but it is expected that he will be released early in 1984.

No further action by Urgent Action participants is requested.