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Further information on UA 392/97 (AMR 19/34/97, 12 December 1997) - Fear for safety

BRAZIL Some 1,000 members of the *Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra* (MST)

Amnesty International has received news that armed riot police have been withdrawn from the centre of Fortaleza, Ceará state capital. Following the withdrawal of the armed police, and successful negotiations between the Ceará state government and the MST, the approximately 1,000 MST demonstrators returned to their *assentamentos* (areas where the government has settled landless rural workers) on the afternoon of 13 December 1997.

No further action is required at present. Many thanks to all those who wrote appeals.