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Further information on UA 28/99 (AI Index: AMR 28/04/99, 19 February 1999)
- Fear for safety/political killings/death threat (new concern)

ECUADOR **Kaiser ARÉVALO - P-NP member of parliament (new name)**

Kaiser Arévalo, a member of parliament representing the opposition party *Pachakutik-Nuevo País* (P-NP), has received an anonymous death threat.

Kaiser Arévalo personally assisted in getting parliamentarians Jaime Hurtado and Pablo Tapia of the *Movimiento Popular Democrático* (MPD), and Wellington Borja who was accompanying them, to hospital after they were fatally shot by a gunman (see UA 28/99, AI Index: AMR 28/04/99, 19 February 1999).

According to reports, only minutes later Kaiser Arévalo's secretary received a telephone call at his office in the capital, Quito, from an anonymous caller who told her: "Tell the son-of-a-bitch that he will be the next one", ("*Dígale al hijo de puta qué él sería el próximo*").

Kaiser Arévalo has been a critic of the government's policy of allowing private companies to exploit Ecuador's petroleum resources.

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

- expressing concern that Kaiser Arévalo, a member of parliament representing the opposition party *Pachakutik-Nuevo País* (P-NP), reportedly received a death threat at his Quito office on 19 February 1999;
- asking the authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure his safety;
- asking the authorities to conduct a prompt, independent and effective investigation into the death threat, to make the findings public, and bring those responsible to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Presidente Jamil Mahuad Witt
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Salutation: Dear Mr. President/Estimado Sr. Presidente

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Salutation: Dear Minister/Estimado Sr. Ministro

Minister of National Defence
General (r) José Gallardo Román
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and to diplomatic representatives of Ecuador accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 7 April 1999.