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GUATEMALA: Juan Enrique QUIÑONEZ SCHWANK, aged 33

Amnesty International has received further information on Juan Enrique Quiñonez Schwank, the Technical Director of the *Asociación para el Desarrollo para América Central* (ADEPAC), Association for the Development of Central America, and member of the Executive Committee of the *Coordinación de ONG y Cooperativas para el Acompañamiento de la Población Damnificada por el Conflicto Armado Interno*, Coordination of NGOs and Cooperatives for the accompaniment of victims of the internal armed conflict, both of which are organizations concerned with the issue of Guatemalan refugees.

According to reports, on 26 March 1994 Juan Quiñonez was followed by a yellow car with tinted windows as he walked from a house in zone 7 of Guatemala City to the office of the Coordination and then to his home. In April 1994 Juan Quiñonez reportedly received a letter accusing him of being a "guerrilla" and accusing ADEPAC of supporting the "guerrillas". He has been given a period of 60 days in which to leave both the municipality of Cobán, Alta Verapaz department, and to leave the country, or else he will be killed.

In December 1993 and January 1994 Juan Quiñonez had received several telephoned and written death threats, one of which was signed in the name of a group calling itself the *Liga Anticomunista Guatemalteca*, the Guatemalan Anticomunist League.

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

- expressing concern about the continued harassment and threats received by Juan Enrique Quiñonez Schwank;
- urging that his physical safety be guaranteed;
- asking for an immediate investigation into these death threats and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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2) Minister of Interior:

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Archbishop's Human Rights Office
Oficina de Derechos Humanos del
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Apartado Postal 723
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and to diplomatic representatives of GUATEMALA accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 June 1994.