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Further information on UA 242/91 (AMR 34/30/91, 16 July 1991) and follow-up AMR 34/38/91 (21 August 1991) - Death Threats/Harassment against Trade Unionists

GUATEMALA:

Rosendo DE LEÓN DUBÓN

Mauricio RAXCACÓ HENRÍQUEZ

plus (new names):

Armando SÁNCHEZ

David MONTEJO

Following the telephone threats and harassment against Rosendo de León and Mauricio Raxcacó reported in April and June 1991 and the attempted abduction of Mauricio Raxcacó on 19 August 1991, Amnesty International has now learnt of continuous death threats against Rosendo de León. The two are leaders of the Sindicato de la Tipografía Nacional, the State Printing Press union. Mauricio Raxcacó was also Secretary of Education, Art and Culture as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Federación Nacional de Sindicatos de Trabajadores del Estado de Guatemala (FENASTEG), the National Federation of Guatemalan State Workers' Unions, to which the State Printing Press union is affiliated. Amnesty International has now received further information indicating that Rosendo de León continues to be followed and threatened. Following his attempted abduction, Mauricio Raxcacó has now left the country.

Further, Amnesty International has learned of threats and harassment against two other trade union leaders belonging to the executive committee of FENASTEG.

On the evening of 10 September 1991, Armando Sánchez, the Secretary General of FENASTEG and David Montejo, the Secretary for Inter-union Affairs (Secretario Intersindical), received anonymous telephone threats at their homes, warning them that they had 72 hours to leave the country or they would be eliminated. Armando Sánchez has reportedly been receiving serious threats and has been under constant surveillance by unidentified men since April. Amnesty International is very concerned for their safety.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

PLEASE BRING THIS AND THE ORIGINAL UA AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR SECTION TRADE UNION COORDINATORS

- expressing concern at the continuous threats and intimidation against Rosendo de León and the threats made against Armando Sánchez and David Montejo;

- asking that these threats and intimidation be investigated and those found responsible be brought to justice;

- asking that adequate steps be taken to protect Rosendo de León, Armando Sánchez and David Montejo as well as all those involved in trade union activities.

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and diplomatic representatives of Guatemala in your country.

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