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"DISAPPEARANCE"

1 November 1991

PERU:

Wilmer Guillermo JARA VIRGILIO

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Amnesty International is concerned about the "disappearance" of 19-year-old Wilmer Guillermo JARA VIRGILIO following his reported detention by members of the army based in Aucayacu, Leoncio Prado province, Huánuco department.

According to reports, the above mentioned person, who lives in the city of Huánuco, had travelled to Aucayacu in search of a job. On 31 August 1991 he was reportedly detained at the river port in Aucayacu by members of the army. The detention was witnessed by a number of people.

The "disappearance" was formally reported to the Fiscalía Provincial Mixta de Huánuco, the Provincial Attorney's office in Huánuco. The Fiscalía Provincial Mixta de Huánuco, requested on 9 October 1991, information as to the whereabouts of Wilmer Guillermo Jara Virgilio from the military authorities based at Aucayacu. According to reports, the military refused to acknowledge his detention.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For the last two years Peru has been the country from which the largest number of "disappearances" have been reported to the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.

"Disappearance" is a practice that has been used extensively by the security forces during the present and previous two governments in Peru, in their attempt to deal with armed opposition groups that are active in the country, particularly the Partido Comunista del Perú, "Sendero Luminoso", the Communist Party of Peru, Shining Path.

Most of the "disappeared" are people detained in areas that are under state of emergency and political-military command. In most cases the detention is denied by the authorities. In some cases the fate of the "disappeared" is clarified when they are transferred to police custody, released, or are found dead. In the majority of cases, however, the fate of the detainees remains unknown.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/airmail letters:

- expressing concern about the reported "disappearance" of Wilmer Guillermo Jara Virgilio following his detention by the armed forces;

- urging that his whereabouts and legal situation be immediately clarified;
- asking that if detained he be immediately brought before a judge or released;
- asking that while in detention he be humanely treated and given access to a lawyer, a doctor and relatives.

**APPEALS TO**

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori  
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**Señor Presidente**  
**Dear President**

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**Señor Ministro**  
**Dear Minister**

3) Undersecretary of Multilateral Policy

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**Señor Embajador**  
**Dear Ambassador**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after 13 December 1991.