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**Further information on UA 85/94 (EUR 17/02/94, 4 March 1994) - and follow-up(s):
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Concern/Prisoner of Conscience**

CYPRUS: Theocharis Theokli THEOCHARIDIS, aged 53

Jehovah's Witness Theocharis Theokli Theocharidis is due to appear once more before Nicosia Military Court on 11 November 1994 for refusing to perform reservist military exercises. His trial has already been postponed three times.

He has extremely poor eye-sight and suffers from enlargement of the heart and high blood pressure. His applications for exemption from military obligations on health grounds have still not been accepted.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- stressing that in view of his poor health, Theocharis Theokli Theocharidis should be exempted from any military exercises, and urging the authorities to promptly accept his applications for exemption in order to spare him any further stress;
- pointing out that if Theocharis Theokli Theocharidis is imprisoned, Amnesty International will consider him to be a prisoner of conscience;
- calling for the introduction of a wholly civilian service of non-punitive length in line with the resolution 1989/59 of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and with the Recommendation No R(87) 8 of the Council of Europe.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 November 1994.