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Further information on UA 81/95 (EUR 44/44/95, 28 March 1995) and follow-ups (EUR 44/47/95, 31 March; EUR 44/49/95, 6 April; EUR 44/62/95, 26 May) - Prisoner of conscience / Fear of torture / Fear for Safety

TURKEYEren Keskin (f), lawyer and member of Istanbul HRA

Eren Keskin, secretary of the Istanbul Human Rights Association (HRA) branch, was arrested at 4.30 pm on 1 June 1995 at her lawyer's office in Istanbul. She has been taken to police headquarters in Gayrettepe district of Istanbul.

On 10 March 1995, the Court of Appeal confirmed a fine of £5,000 and a sentence of two years and six months' imprisonment for Eren Keskin. She was charged with spreading "separatist propaganda" under Article 8 of the Anti-Terror Law after writing a press article in September 1994.

Eren Keskin has been targetted due to her work defending human rights. In one particular case, she was arrested by police who repeatedly beat and insulted her. She has also been increasingly subject to death threats, including an anonymous telephone call from a man who told her, "We are measuring your coffin".

This re-arrest puts Eren Keskin at further risk of torture. Amnesty International considers her to be a prisoner of conscience.

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

- calling for the immediate release of Eren Keskin, currently held in police headquarters in Gayrettepe district of Istanbul, who is considered by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience, detained for her work on behalf of the HRA;
- urging the authorities in Tunceli that steps be taken to ensure that until her release, she will not be subjected to ill-treatment or torture.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 July 1995.