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**Further information on UA 26/99 (AMR 34/02/99) and follow-up (AMR 34/06/99, 18 March 1999) - Fear for Safety**

**GUATEMALA22 street children, aged 13-17**

Amnesty International has learned that the 22 street children detained on 2 February 1999 and accused of "public nuisance", were released after some days in juvenile detention centres. Apparently no formal accusation was ever made against them.

According to Casa Alianza, one of the youths, Carlos Enrique Escobar, was transferred to an adult prison, as he was apparently 18. He was released after paying a fine. The remaining children were all held in juvenile detention for varying short periods. According to Deborah Cobar, the Procurator for Children in the Procurator General's Office, nine of the children were returned to their parents after a few days. The rest remained in detention "for their own protection" a while longer, being released to private agencies over the course of the following week. Most returned to the streets.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: No further action is required by the Urgent Action network. Participants may send a final round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or your own language:**

- calling for inquiries into the recent incidents of sexual assault of street children, the death of Manuel Estuardo Dávila Juárez and the shooting of Hilda Yesenia Pérez Alvarez, as described in the previous update (AMR 34/06/99, 18 March).
- calling on the authorities to take immediate measures to guarantee the safety of all street children.

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