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Further information on UA 122/96 (AMR 41/22/96, 9 May 1996) and follow-ups (AMR 41/63/96, 11 October 1996; AMR 41/04/97, 31 January 1997; and AMR 41/116/97, 19 December 1997) - Fear for safety

MEXICO Father Camilo Daniel Pérez, Catholic priest and human rights defender
Mary Pérez de Soto (f), parish secretary to Camilo Daniel Pérez

On 7 May 1998, a group of unidentified individuals set fire to the car of Mary Pérez de Soto, parish secretary to Father Camilo Daniel Pérez, in Anahuac, Chihuahua State. Mary Pérez was not in the car at the time and the fire was extinguished before it reached the petrol tank.

Father Camilo and Mary Pérez have experienced systematic intimidation for two years. Numerous death threats have been made against them and Father Camilo's parish office has been broken into on several occasions.

Father Camilo is president of the *Comisión de Solidaridad y Defensa de los Derechos Humanos* (COSYDDHAC), Commission for Solidarity and Defence of Human Rights, a non-governmental organisation in Chihuahua.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or your own language:

- repeating calls for measures to be taken to guarantee the physical safety of Father Camilo Daniel Pérez and Mary Pérez de Soto;
- expressing alarm at continuing acts of intimidation against Mary Pérez de Soto and Father Camilo Daniel Pérez;
- calling for a thorough investigation to bring those responsible to justice.

APPEALS TO:

1) Attorney General of the Republic

Lic. Jorge Madrazo Cuellar

Señor Procurador General de Justicia de la República

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Salutation: Sr. Procurador / Dear Attorney General

2) Governor of the State of Chihuahua

Lic. Francisco Barrio Terrazas

Gobernador del Estado de Chihuahua

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1) Religious Commission

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2) Human rights organisation
Comisión de Solidaridad y Defensa
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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 June 1998.