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Further information (2) on UA 27/97 (AMR 18/02/97, 28 January 1997) and follow-up (AMR 18/04/97, 21 February 1997) - Fear for Safety

BOLIVIADr Waldo ALBARRACÍN, human rights defender, and his family

Dr Waldo Albarracín and his family have been forced to abandon their home and seek alternative accommodation because of fears for their safety. No steps appear to have been taken by the Bolivian authorities to provide protection for Dr Albarracín and his family and Amnesty International has no information that the death threats against him have been investigated. These threats are believed to be related to Dr Albarracín's human rights work.

Amnesty International is appalled at the lack of action by the Bolivian government. The organization believes that such inaction contributes to a general climate of impunity which allow acts of intimidation to continue unabated.

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

- expressing alarm at the news that Dr Waldo Albarracín and his family have fled their home in fear for their safety following a series of death threats;
- asking the government what measures have so far been taken to guarantee the safety of Dr Albarracín and his family;
- continuing to urge that all threats be promptly and impartially investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Bolivia accredited to your country.

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