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Further information on UA 68/95 (AMR 23/11/95, 16 March 1995) - Death Threats / Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA Civic Human Rights Committee of Meta

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new name: **Teresa Mosquera (f)**

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Recent death threats against Teresa Mosquera, a member of the *Comité Cívico por los Derechos Humanos del Meta*, Civic Human Rights Committee of Meta, have raised serious fears for her safety.

The threats were contained in a registered letter, which read: "You old bitch, we will blow your head off for reporting things that do not concern you, if you are not out off the city in 24 hours, ....., you old hag now because of you the Commission will come and we are not going to forgive you. We tell you this, because you are not worth wasting bullets on we will smash your head in, but if we can take you alive then you are going to enjoy it! We will be seeing you bitch, you will not escape from our hands"

*(Vieja hijoeputa, te volaremos esa hijoeputa cabeza por malparida y por ponerse a hacer denuncias de lo que no le importa, si en 24 horas no se pira y abandona la ciudad, ....., vieja alcagueta ahora se viene una comisión encima por su culpa y no se lo perdonamos. Le avisamos por que en usted no vale la pena gastar munición te vamos a mochar esa porra, pero si viva te podemos llevar lo vas a disfrutar. Nos vemos granijoeputa malparida zorra que de mis manos no se escapa).*

The letter was sent on 12 September 1995, and was signed by the paramilitary group Death to Communists, *Muerte a los Comunistas* (MAC). It was received shortly after the creation of a Commission made up of state officials and non-governmental human rights organizations to investigate the human rights situation in the department of Meta. The work of the Commission is being carried out under the supervision of several governments.

The death threat has heightened concern for the safety of all members of the Civic Human Rights Committee of Meta, many of whom have been forced to leave the department of Meta.

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

- expressing serious concern at the death threats against Teresa Mosquera;
- urging that there be an immediate and thorough investigation into this and previous threats against members of the Civic Human Rights Committee of Meta, the results of which should be made public;
- urging that all possible measures, deemed appropriate by those working with the Committee, be undertaken to protect their lives;
- urging that the government should immediately fulfil its commitment to disband paramilitary forces presently operating as auxiliaries of the armed forces or with the complicity of the armed forces, and calling for members of such forces who are responsible for human rights violations to be brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

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3. Attorney General

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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 December 1995.