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Further information on UA 139/93 (AMR 36/15/93, 28 April 1993) -
Ill-treatment/Prisoner of Conscience

HAITI: Cajuste LEXIUS, Secretary General of Centrale Générale de
Travailleurs (CGT), General Workers' Union
Phabonor ST. VIL, Secretary of CGT
Saveur AURÉLUS, member of CGT

Amnesty International has learned that Phabonor St. Vil and Saveur Auréus were released from custody on 29 April 1993. Cajuste Lexius has also formally been released but, because of injuries sustained during detention, he has been transferred to a military hospital and so effectively remains under military control. All three are reported to have been ill-treated by the security forces.

Cajuste Lexius was transferred to military hospital on 27 April and reportedly underwent an operation there to treat the injuries he had sustained as a result of the severe beatings he had received in detention. According to reports, his medical condition has improved and he wants to leave hospital but the military maintain that he is still not in a position to be moved from the hospital. Although he has been formally released, while he remains in hospital he is effectively still under military control.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in French, English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of Phabonor St. Vil and Saveur Auréus but expressing concern at reports that they have been subjected to ill-treatment by the security forces;
- expressing concern that Cajuste Lexius was severely beaten in detention and as a result needed to be treated in hospital;
- expressing concern that, although he has been formally released from detention, he is still effectively being held in custody in the military hospital;
- urging that he be definitively released from military custody;
- requesting that he be accorded adequate medical care from the doctor of his choice;

- urging for an immediate investigation into the alleged ill-treatment of all three trade unionists and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

1. Prime Minister:

Monsieur Marc BAZIN
Premier Ministre
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Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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Salutation: Monsieur le Premier Ministre / Dear Prime Minister

2. Military commander of the Armed Forces:

Monsieur le Générale Raoul CEDRAS
Commandant-en-Chef des Forces Armées d'Haiti
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Salutation: Monsieur le Général / Dear General

3. Chief of National Police:

Monsieur le Lt.Colonel Michel FRANÇOIS
Chef de la Police Nationale
Grand Quartier Général de la Police
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Telegrams: Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel

4. Head of Anti-gang Investigation Service:

Monsieur le Capitaine
Joanis JACKSON
Chef du Service d'investigation et de recherches anti-gang
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Telegrams: Chef du Service d'investigation anti-gang, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Capitaine / Dear Captain

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Organization:

Commission de l'Ogith des Droits Humains et Syndicaux (CODDHUS)
Route de Delmas et Delmas 11
No. 121 bis, 2ème étage
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Newspaper (weekly):

Haiti en Marche
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and to diplomatic representatives of HAITI accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 June 1993.