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Further information on UA 183/93 (EUR 42/01/93, 8 June 1993) - Fear of Forcible Return (Refoulement)

SWEDEN:Mónica Castillo Páez - an asylum-seeker from Peru

Amnesty International is concerned that Mónica Castillo Páez is at risk of forcible return to Peru within the next few days.

The Swedish Immigration Board held a re-hearing on 12 August 1993 to examine if there was any new information on her case. The authorities' decision on the application heard on this occasion is expected within the next two or three days. When Mónica Castillo appeared at the hearing, she was taken into custody by the authorities and Amnesty International understands that she is now held in a centre near Stockholm airport. Amnesty International thus fears that she is being held by the authorities in preparation for her deportation to Peru.

Mónica Castillo Páez is the 20-year-old sister of Ernesto Castillo Páez, who "disappeared" after detention in 1990 and cousin of Abel Malpartida Páez, killed in 1989 allegedly by the security forces. Amnesty International fears that if returned to Peru, Mónica Castillo's family connections will put her at grave risk of arrest, "disappearance", torture or extrajudicial execution at the hands of the security forces.

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

- urging the Swedish authorities on no account to forcibly return Mónica Castillo Páez to Peru, and to give her effective and durable protection in Sweden.

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO: diplomatic representatives of Sweden accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 August 1993.