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Further information on UA 86/92 (AFR 36/05/92, 12 March 1992) and follow-up AFR 36/07/92 of 16 March 1992 - Legal Concern

MALAWI:Simon Mhone

Sydney Kwelepeta

Sam Chirwa

Mr Chirambo

Chakufwa Chihana

Dennis Nkwazi

Amnesty International has learned that Simon Mhone, a journalist formerly employed by the government Department of Information, was released from detention in Malawi on 13 April 1992. Thank you to all those who sent appeals, no further action is required on his behalf.

Chakufwa Chihana, a leader of the movement for a multi-party political system, was arrested on 6 April 1992 on his return to Malawi. He remains in detention at an unknown location in Lilongwe and is likely to be charged with sedition. His case is now being featured in UA 114/92 (AFR 36/09/92 of 6 April 1992 and follow-up AFR 36/10/92 of 14 April 1992) and so no further appeals are required on his behalf through this action.

As far as Amnesty International is aware Sydney Kwelepeta, Sam Chirwa, Mr Chirambo and Dennis Nkwazi are all still in detention.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- expressing concern at the reported arrest and continuing detention of Sydney Kwelepeta, Sam Chirwa, Mr Chirambo and Dennis Nkwazi;

- seeking information about their place of detention and the legal basis for their imprisonment and calling for them to be released unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and brought promptly and fairly to trial.

APPEALS TO

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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2) Hon. J Z U Tembo

Minister of State in the Office of the President

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Malawi

Telegrams: Minister of State Tembo, Lilongwe, Malawi

Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Mr MacWilliam Lunguzi

Inspector-General of Police

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Telegrams: Inspector-General of Police Lunguzi, Lilongwe, Malawi

Salutation: Dear Sir

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Southern Africa Trade Union Co-ordination Council

PO Box 1271

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Malawi

and to diplomatic representatives of Malawi in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 June 1992.