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Further information on UA 514/90 (AMR 23/66/90, 20 December 1990) - Possible Extrajudicial Execution

COLOMBIA: Luis Napoleon TORRES  
Angel María TORRES  
Hugues CHAPARRO, indigenous leaders

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Amnesty International has received information from the Colombian Presidential Adviser on Human Rights that an official investigation has been opened into the torture and killing of indigenous leaders Luis Napoleon Torres, Angel María Torres and Hugues Chaparro, in circumstances suggesting they may have been victims of extrajudicial execution. Eye witnesses report that the men were forced to leave a bus travelling from Valledupar, César department, to Bogotá by three heavily armed men wearing military uniforms. Their bodies were later found showing signs of torture. The investigation is currently in the hands of the 7th judge of Criminal Instruction.

Whilst Amnesty International welcomes the investigation, there is concern that although many investigations into human rights abuses are opened in Colombia, only exceptionally do they lead to the identification and prosecution of those responsible for the crime.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- welcoming the investigation into the killing of indigenous leaders Luis Napoleon Torres, Angel María Torres and Hugues Chaparro and urging that it should be thorough and impartial and the results made public;
- urging that all possible measures be taken to protect the lives of indigenous community leaders to ensure that they are able to carry out their lawful activities.

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