FURTHER INFORMATION ON URGENT ACTION CASES

UA 193/80 EL SALVADOR: Members of Electricity Workers Union (AMR 29/42/80 27 August) – Fear of Torture/ Fear of extra-judicial killing

On 22 August 1980 almost the entire leadership of the Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Electricidad de la Central Electrica del Rio Lempa (STECEL – Union of Electricity Workers at the Rio Lempa power station) were arrested and detained by military forces. The arrests followed a 24-hour strike by electricity workers throughout El Salvador on 21 August.

AI subsequently received reports that some of these members of STECEL were being held in Santa Tecla prison. Among those named as being held in this prison are José Arnulfo Grande, José Alberto Hernan, Alfonso Hernandez Represa, Jorge Hernandez, Arcadio Rauda and Hector Bernabe Recinos. It is possible that other members of the STECEL union are also being held in the Santa Tecla prison.

AI continues to make enquiries about these trade unionists and to appeal for their release.

UA 238/80 EL SALVADOR: Carmen Asensio Delgado, Salvador Cruz, Jorge Antonio Reyes Hernandez, Hugo Elver (AMR 29/54/80 21 October) – “Disappearances

Carmen Asensio Delgado and Salvador Cruz were arrested on 10 October 1980 in San Salvador. AI subsequently received reports that they were released on 14 October. They testified after their release that they had been detained by the National Guard.

AI has received no further news about Jorge Antonio Reyes or Hugo Elver, both reported to have been detained by the armed forces.