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BURUNDI **Déogratias Sindaruhunga**

Amnesty International has been informed that Déogratias Sindaruhunga is still being held at the military camp in Bubanza. He is not reported to have been subjected to any ill-treatment.

Since his arrest and his subsequent transfer to the military camp in late December 1994, he has not been transferred to civilian custody nor charged with a criminal offence. Soldiers have reportedly requested the equivalent of UK £1,000 in return for his release and threatened that upon release he must leave the country immediately.

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

- expressing concern at the continued detention of Déogratias Sindaruhunga at the military camp in Bubanza district;
- seeking assurances that he is not being ill-treated and is not at risk of extrajudicial execution;
- urging the military authorities to transfer him to civilian custody;
- urging that, if he is not charged with a recognizably criminal offence, he be released immediately and unconditionally.

APPEALS TO:

1) President:

Son Excellence Le Président
Sylvestre NTIBANTUNGANYA
Président de la République
Présidence de la République
BP 1870, Bujumbura
République du Burundi

Telegrams: President Ntibantunganya, Bujumbura, Burundi

Telexes: 5036 PRESIBU BDI

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Salutation: Monsieur le Président de la République/Dear President

2) Army Chief of Staff:

Lt.-Col Jean BIKOMAGU
Chef d'Etat-major général des Forces Armées
Etat-major général des Forces Armées
Ministère de la Défense nationale
Bujumbura
République du Burundi

Telegrams: CEMG Bikomagu, Bujumbura, Burundi

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Salutation: Monsieur le Chef d'Etat-major/Dear Chief of Staff

3) The Military Camp Authorities:

Monsieur le Commandant
Camp militaire de Bubanza
Bubanza

République du Burundi

Telegrams: Commandant, Camp militaire, Bubanza, Burundi

Salutation: Monsieur le Commandant / Dear Commander

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Monsieur Antoine NDUWAYO
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and to diplomatic representatives of Burundi accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 April 1995.