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Please bring this action to the attention of the person in your section responsible for outreach work as it is felt that appeals from trade unions may be particularly effective.

Further information on UA 114/92 (36/09/92, 6 April 1992) and follow-ups AFR 36/10/92 of 14 April 1992, AFR 36/13/92 of 30 April 1992 and AFR 36/17/92 of 8 May 1992 - Legal concern/fear of extrajudicial execution

MALAWI: Chakufwa CHIHANA, aged 52, international trade union official
Yaredson NGWIRA, trade union official

and new name: Frank MKANDAWIRE, trade union official

Contrary to earlier information, Amnesty International has now learned that Yaredson Ngwira, an accountant employed by the Southern Africa Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC), continues to be detained without charge by the Malawian police. In addition, the organization has learned that Frank Mkandawire, an accounts assistant with SATUCC, is also being detained. Like Chakufwa Chihana, the secretary general of SATUCC, they are apparently being held incommunicado. The police are continuing to defy a judge's order that Chakufwa Chihana be produced in the High Court. His lawyer stated on 11 May 1992 that he feared for Chakufwa Chihana's life.

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

- expressing Amnesty International's serious concern for the safety of Chakufwa Chihana, Yaredson Ngwira and Frank Mkandawire; seeking information about their whereabouts and assurances that they are alive and well and that they are allowed visits from their families and lawyers of their choice;

- calling on the government to produce all three prisoners in court immediately in compliance with the order of the High Court;

- urging their immediate and unconditional release as prisoners of conscience.

APPEALS TO:

1) H E The Life-President Ngwazi Dr H. Kamuzu Banda
Office of the President and Cabinet
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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
P/Bag 301
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Telegrams: Minister of State Tembo, Lilongwe, Malawi

Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Mr MacWilliam Lunguzi
Inspector-General of Police
P/Bag 305
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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
Lilongwe
Malawi

The Editor
The Weekly Post
Private Bag EF 352
Lusaka
Zambia

The Editor
The Weekend Gazette
PO Box 66070
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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 23 June 1992.