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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 (AFR 36/09/92 of 6 April 1992) and follow-ups AFR 36/10/92 of 14 April 1992, AFR 36/13/92 of 30 April 1992, AFR 36/17/92 of 8 May 1992 and AFR 36/19/92 of 12 May 1992 - Legal concern/fear of extrajudicial execution

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

Yaredson NGWIRA, trade union official

Frank MKANDAWIRE, trade union official

Amnesty International has learned of the release without charge of Yaredson Ngwira, an accountant employed by the Southern Africa Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC). It also appears that reports of the arrest of SATUCC employee Frank Mkandawire were incorrect and that he remains at liberty. No further action is required on their behalf. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.

Chakufwa Chihana, secretary general of SATUCC, remains detained without charge, probably in Zomba Central Prison. He has received visits from an international trade union delegation and from his lawyer, and appears to be in reasonable health. However, on 2 June 1992 police for the third time defied a High Court order requiring them to produce Chakufwa Chihana and explain the legal basis for his continued imprisonment.

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

- calling on the government to produce Chakufwa Chihana before a court of law and give reasons for his continuing imprisonment in compliance with the order of the High Court;

- urging his immediate and unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

APPEALS TO:

1) H E The Life-President Ngwazi Dr H. Kamuzu Banda
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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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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:

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PO Box 1271
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Malawi

The Editor
The Weekly Post
Private Bag EF 352
Lusaka
Zambia

The Editor
The Weekend Gazette
PO Box 66070
Harare
Zimbabwe

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 17 July 1992.