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Further information on UA 372/94 (AFR 53/33/94, 10 October 1994) - Fear of Extrajudicial Execution

South Africa: Prince Sifiso Zulu, member of the Zulu Royal House, and other members of the Zulu Royal House, KwaZulu-Natal Province

There are continuing fears for the safety of Prince Sifiso Zulu, in view of further recent death threats made against him, threats made against other members of the Zulu Royal House, and the continuing political tensions in KwaZulu-Natal province. These tensions include continuing conflict over the roles of the Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) President and national Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi in provincial politics.

On 11 December 1994 threats against Prince Sifiso Zulu and another member of the Royal House were made during a rally held by IFP supporters in the Vryheid area of northern KwaZulu-Natal. Speakers at the rally reportedly issued an ultimatum that Prince Sifiso Zulu and another member of the Royal House, Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu, should immediately stop involving themselves in Royal House matters. The demands made by the speakers were uttered with threatening overtones.

On 24 November, Pat Hlongwane, a former African National Congress (ANC) **Umkhonto we Sizwe** ('Spear of the Nation'/MK) guerrilla with strong rightwing and security force connections, issued a statement in which he attacked Prince Sifiso Zulu and implicitly called for his death. In the statement he accused the prince of being responsible for the murder of an Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) official. He called on all ANC dissidents, their "military allies", and "far rightists within the police force and army", to assist in "removing Sifiso Zulu from society".

According to press reports, Pat Hlongwane is currently operating from Ulundi, the former KwaZulu-Natal "homeland" capital, and is recruiting other MK dissidents with the intention of carrying out attacks on ANC supporters in the province. Amnesty International has also received a report that Pat Hlongwane has stored firearms in the Nkandla area where Prince Sifiso Zulu's family lives, arousing fears that these weapons may be used against the family or Sifiso Zulu should he return to the area.

Prince Sifiso Zulu is still being provided with protection by members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) VIP Protection Unit. However in late November, a white rightwing activist in Durban revealed to the news media the whereabouts of Prince Sifiso Zulu and publicly condemned the provision of police protection for him. The subsequent newspaper reports included the full details of the location of the prince's "safehouse".

Amnesty International has received additional reports that other members of the Zulu Royal House have received telephonic death threats recently. Also, on 1 December 1994 Prince Zeblon Zulu survived an attempted ambush on his vehicle by men travelling in two vehicles and armed with R1 rifles. In September he had reported the presence of men near his home apparently keeping it under surveillance.

At the same time there appears to have been no progress in the police investigations into the alleged threats against Prince Sifiso Zulu made by members of the KwaZulu Police when they came to his family's home in Nkandla last June. In addition the Attorney General has postponed deciding on possible prosecutions on the various charges laid by Prince Sifiso Zulu against the IFP President and his aides. The charges arise from the incident in the Durban studios of the South African Broadcasting Commission (SABC) on 25 September 1994. The Attorney General is, however, continuing with the prosecution of Sifiso Zulu on a charge of possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition. His trial on this charge will commence in February 1995.

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

- expressing concern at the continuing threats made against the life of Prince Sifiso Zulu, and other members of the Zulu Royal House, including Prince Zeblon Zulu who survived an attempted ambush by armed men on 1 December 1994;
- urging that appropriate measures for their security should continue to be provided;
- urging that the death threats and other violations should be fully investigated, and that those found to be responsible should promptly be brought to justice.

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- The District Commissioner, KwaZulu Police, Nongoma, 3950, South Africa

- Natal Monitor, c/o CSDS University of Natal, King George V Ave, Durban 4001, South Africa
- Khanyisani Development Forum (Development/Human Rights NGO), PO Box 983, Ladysmith 3370, South Africa

and to diplomatic representatives of South Africa accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 January 1995.