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Further information on UA 289/02 (AMR 13/009/2002, 23 September 2002) - Fear for Safety New concern: Threats

ARGENTINA Estela Carlotto (f) - human rights defender, aged over 70

New names: Members of the Comision Provincial por la Memoria, Provincial Remembrance Commission,

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New threats have been registered against the members of the *Comision Provincial por la Memoria*, Provincial Remembrance Commission, in La Plata, Buenos Aires Province.

On 25 September, an unidentified caller reportedly telephoned the Commission offices, giving the warning, "Look after yourselves because we are going to finish you all off", "*Cuidense porque las vamos a reventar a todas*". A complaint about the threat has been submitted to the relevant judicial authorities.

This threat comes only a few days after the home of the President of the Commission, Estela Carlotto, was sprayed with bullets, and at a time when the Commission is organizing public demonstrations in support of Estela Carlotto and the work of human rights defenders in the country.

Amnesty International is gravely concerned at this new demonstration of violence against the Commission's legitimate work on behalf of human rights in Argentina.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in Spanish, English or your own language:**

- expressing concern at the new threat against the work of human rights defenders working for the Provincial Remembrance Commission;
- urging the authorities to launch an immediate investigation into the threats against the Commission, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice;
- asking for assurances at a federal level (President Duhalde and Under-Secretary for human rights Dr Oscar Fappiano) that the work and integrity of human rights defenders is and will be protected in Argentina.

**APPEALS TO:**

President of Argentina

Excelentísimo Sr. Presidente

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**Salutation: Excmo. Sr. Presidente/ Dear President**

Governor of Buenos Aires Province

Sr. Gobernador de la Provincia de Buenos Aires

Ing. Felipe Carlos Solá

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**Salutation: Sr. Gobernador/Dear Minister**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Argentina accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 November 2002.