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Further information on UA 295/91 (AMR 19/22/91, 3 September 1991) - Possible Extrajudicial Execution

Brazil: Fausto RIBEIRO da SILVA Filho - Lawyer

Further to UA 295/91 on behalf of Fausto Ribeiro da Silva Filho, a lawyer working for Movimento dos Sem-Teto, Urban Squatters Movement, killed by unknown gunmen on 13 August 1991 in São Miguel Paulista, São Paulo East, many Amnesty International members received a letter from the Secretaria de Segurança Pública do Estado de São Paulo, Gabinete do Secretario, State Public Security Chief's Office of São Paulo State, stating that two men had been charged with the crime and that they would be brought to justice.

Amnesty International has learned that the two men mentioned in the letter from the State Public Security Chief's Office were briefly detained at the beginning of the police inquiry but were soon released due to lack of evidence.

According to information received by Amnesty International the inquiry is currently stalled and no one has been brought to justice for the killing of Fausto Ribeiro da Silva Filho.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Fausto Ribeiro da Silva Filho, described by human rights organizations as a lawyer fighting for human rights in Brazil, worked as a lawyer for the Urban Squatters Movement at Our Lady of Fátima Church in São Miguel Paulista. Another lawyer working for the organization, Adelino Rodriguez da Silva, allegedly received death threats a few days before Fausto Ribeiro da Silva was killed. According to Father Antonio Luiz Marchioni, a leader of Pastoral da Moradia, Housing Pastoral, lawyers working for the Urban Squatters Movement in the region were regularly subjected to death threats before Fausto Ribeiro da Silva's killing. On 28 November 1991 several Brazilian human rights groups wrote an open letter to the Governor of São Paulo demanding that justice be done in this case.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- continuing to express concern at the killing of Fausto Ribeiro da Silva Filho on 13 August 1991;
- expressing concern at the delay of the inquiry into the killing and urging

that it be thoroughly and effectively carried out, that the results be made public and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Telegrams: Governador Estado do São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Salutation: Vossa Excelência

Public Security Chief, São Paulo:

Sr. Secretario de Segurança Pública
Estado do São Paulo
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Telegrams: Segretario Seguranca Publica São Paulo, Brazil

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Human Rights Commission, Brazilian Bar Association:

Comissão de Direitos Humanos da OAB
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and to diplomatic representatives of Brazil in your country.

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