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Further information on UA 295/94 (AMR 23/62/94, 10 August 1994) and follow-ups (AMR 23/66/94, 26 August 1994; AMR 23/46/95, 8 August 1995; AMR 23/24/96, 8 May 1996) - Possible extrajudicial execution / Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA Aida Abella (f), opposition politician

new names: Pedro MALAGÓN, parliamentarian
Milena MALAGÓN, (f), his 17-year-old daughter

On 20 June 1996 Pedro Malagón, a member of the Colombian Congress for the *Unión Patriótica* (UP), Patriotic Union party, and his 17-year-old-daughter, Milena Malagón, were reportedly killed outside their house in the Paraiso district of Villavicencio, department of Meta, by two armed men. Pedro Malagón was killed with three bullets to the head. His killing, in circumstances suggesting extrajudicial execution, once again raises deep concern for the safety of UP members in Colombia.

Pedro Malagón was a parliamentarian who had campaigned for the respect of human rights and the dismantling of paramilitary groups operating in the department of Meta. On 1 March 1994 he survived an attempt to his life by unidentified armed assailants (see UA 82/94, AMR 23/26/94). One of his escorts is reported to have recently claimed that he had been offered 10 million pesos by a member of B2, Colombian Army intelligence to facilitate his assassination.

Human rights organizations claim that over 600 UP members have been killed in Meta department. Pedro Malagón's killing heightens fears for UP members in Meta and throughout Colombia, particularly since his killing follows shortly after the attempt on the life of Aida Abella as a result of which the latter has left the country.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Colombia or in your own language:

- expressing concern for the killing in circumstances suggesting extrajudicial execution of Pedro Malagón and his daughter Milena Malagón on 20 June 1996 in Villavicencio, department of Meta, by two armed men;
- urging that there be full and impartial investigations into the killings, that the results be made public and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- calling for immediate measures to guarantee the safety of members of the *Unión Patriótica* party and other opposition parties;
- urging immediate steps to dismantle paramilitary groups and bring those responsible for human rights violations to justice. This would be in line with stated governmental commitments on human rights.

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