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Further information on UA 85/01 (AMR 23/042/2001, 5 April 2001) - Fear for Safety / possible "Disappearance"

COLOMBIAJhon Fredy RESTREPO ARANGO, businessman

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Jhon Fredy Restrepo Arango was freed on 18 April by his captors, believed to be paramilitary gunmen. He had not been seen since 28 March, when he left his hotel in Bucaramanga, in the northeastern department of Santander.

Jhon Fredy's family believes the Urgent Action helped secure his release: "*Y antes de todo les agradezco de antemano, el esfuerzo que ustedes colocaron, ustedes miembros de Amnistía Internacional, y toda la organización, fue evidentemente determinante, y quiero animarlos para que prosigamos realizando esfuerzos como este que parecen no tener el fruto deseado, pero es ya demostrado que si se logran.*"

("And first of all I would like to thank you, members of Amnesty International and the entire organisation, for the efforts you made which were crucial. I want to encourage you to continue making similar efforts which at first don't appear to be successful, but are in the end.")

**Thank you for all your appeals. No further action is required.**