

EXTERNAL

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Further information (3) on UA 186/95 (AMR 23/43/95, 28 July 1995) and follow-up (AMR 23/53/95, 31 August 1995; AMR 23/57/95, 26 September 1995) - "Disappearance"/Fear for Safety

COLOMBIASandra del Pilar UBATE MONROY

Concern for the safety of Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy has been heightened by a recent written death threat.

According to information received, the death threat against Sandra del Pilar Ubate was in the form of an intercession to pray for her soul in death. The death threat was delivered to the Bogotá office of the *Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos* (ASFADDES), Association of the Families of the Detained-Disappeared, on 17 December at approximately 1pm.

ASFADDES denounced the death threat to the *Fiscalía General de la Nación*, Office of the Attorney-General, and called on this body to undertake the appropriate investigations.

Sandra del Pilar Ubate and her family continued to be kept under surveillance by persons believed to be members of the Colombian security forces (see previous Urgent Actions). In the past, witnesses, and those who have investigated human rights violations by members of the security forces, have themselves been the victims of human rights violations carried out by security force members attempting to protect their own impunity.

Astrid Liliana González Jaramillo was recently forced to leave Colombia because of fears for her safety.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Sandra del Pilar Ubate Monroy and members of her family following the receipt of a written death threat on 17 December 1996;
- urging that full and impartial investigations are undertaken into the death threats, that the results be made public and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- urging that all appropriate measures, deemed appropriate by Sandra del Pilar Ubate herself, are undertaken to guarantee her safety;
- continuing to call for full and impartial investigations into the abduction and subsequent "disappearance" on 19 May 1995 of John Ricardo Ubate Monroy and Gloria Bogotá, that the results be made public and that those responsible are brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Señor Presidente Ernesto Samper Pizano

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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 January 1997.