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Further information on UA 341/93 (AMR 23/55/93, 29 September 1993) - Possible Extrajudicial Execution / Death Threats

COLOMBIA: Victor GUAUDIA, civic leader
Manuel CLARO, mayor of Aguachica
Erminoso SEPULVEDA, secretary of town council
Jesus Emilio BLANCO, municipal treasurer
Luis REYES, municipal controller
Two brothers of Victor Gaudia (names unknown)

New name: Gonzalo CÁRDENAS ALFONSO, head of personnel, Aguachica town council

Amnesty International has learned with concern of reports of further attacks on members of the Community Action Movement (*Movimiento Político de Acción Comunitaria*) in Aguachica, Cesar department by unidentified gunmen.

According to reports, on 29 November 1993 Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso was stopped by several armed men as he came out of the Town Hall, Aguachica with his wife.

One of the men shot Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso 8 times and then all the assailants drove off. Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso was taken to the Aguachica Regional Hospital where his condition is described as critical.

His family fears for his life as there have been reports of several armed men in civilian clothing in the vicinity of the hospital. Amnesty International is aware of several cases in the past, where people who have survived attempts on their lives, have been killed when gunmen have entered the hospital where they were being treated.

Previously, Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso had been warned to leave Aguachica by a bodyguard of an ex-mayor of Aguachica who had told him his life was in imminent danger. He and other members of the Community Action Movement have received death threats and had denounced these events to the National Procurator's office (*Procuraduría General de la República*) and other state institutions.

In September 1993, Victor Gaudia, another member of the Community Action Movement, was killed by gunmen in Aguachica. Before his death, Victor Gaudia had reportedly been harassed by members of the security forces and his killing, like the attempted killing of Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso, took place in the heavily militarized town of Aguachica, making it unlikely for these events to have occurred without the collusion of the security forces.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Spanish, English or your own language:

- expressing concern about the attempted extrajudicial execution of Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso in Aguachica, Cesar department, on 29 November 1993;

- urging that there be an immediate and thorough inquiry, the results of which should be made public, and those responsible brought to justice;

- urging that the government take all possible measures to protect the life of Gonzalo Cárdenas Alfonso and also the lives of other members of the Community

Action Movement who have been threatened.

APPEALS TO:

1) President of Colombia:

Señor Presidente César Gaviria Trujillo
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Salutation:Excelentísimo Sr. Presidente/Dear President Gaviria

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Salutation:Sr. Procurador de la Nación/Dear Dr. Arrieta

3) Minister of Defence

Dr. Rafael Pardo Rueda
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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

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