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**Further information on EXTRA 73/97 (AMR 25/08/97, 22 May 1997) - Arbitrary arrest / legal concern / harassment / prisoner of conscience (POC) / possible POCs**

CUBA Ana María AGRAMONTE CRESPO

Alberto PERERA MARTÍNEZ

Jesús PÉREZ GÓMEZ

Lorenzo PESCOSO LEÓN

Aguileo CANCIO CHONG

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Amnesty International has learned that Jesús Pérez Gómez, Lorenzo Pescoso León and Aguileo Cancio Chong were released without charge on or about 13 June 1997. They had all been arrested in Havana on 1 May 1997.

Alberto Perera Martínez of the *Comité Paz, Progreso y Libertad*, Committee of Peace, Progress and Liberty, remains in detention at State Security headquarters in Havana known as Villa Marista. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the authorities intend to bring him to trial although the nature of any charge against him is not known. As far as Amnesty International is aware, he has still not been permitted to see a lawyer. Amnesty International believes that he may be a prisoner of conscience, detained solely on account of his peaceful political activities and fears that if brought to trial, he will not be granted full judicial guarantees in accordance with international standards.

Ana María Agramonte Crespo, President of the *Movimiento Acción Nacionalista*, Nationalist Action Movement, remains imprisoned at the Havana Women's Prison, known as "Manto Negro". She had been arrested on 1 May 1997 and convicted on charges of "disrespect" and "resisting authority" and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Amnesty International believes that she is a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly and continues to call for her immediate and unconditional release.

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

- urging that Ana María Agramonte Crespo be immediately and unconditionally released, on the grounds that she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly;
- urging that the reasons for the arrest of Alberto Perera Martínez be immediately clarified and that he be immediately released unless charged with a recognizable criminal offence;
- urging that as long as he is in detention, he be provided with full judicial guarantees, including immediate access to a lawyer of his choice.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Sr Fiscal General / Dear Attorney General**

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**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

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