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**Further information on UA 59/92 (AMR 25/18/92, 18 February 1992) - Health Concern**

**Cuba: Silvio AGUILA YANES, aged 30**

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Amnesty International has learned that on 6 March Silvio Aguila Yanes was taken out of his prison cell in the maximum security area of Guanajay Prison on a stretcher in a serious condition. However, there is so far no news of where he has been taken. The prison authorities have reportedly refused to inform his relatives of his whereabouts. He is thought to have stopped his hunger-strike. He had been on hunger-strike for 22 days in January this year and stopped it when the authorities promised to transfer him from the damp dark cell in which he was being held, apparently as a form of punishment for refusing to wear his prison uniform. However, when they did not do so despite recommendations from medical personnel that he be transferred to hospital, on 17 February he went back on hunger-strike and also stopped ingesting liquids.

Amnesty International continues to be concerned for the health of Silvio Aguila Yanes and trusts that he has been transferred to hospital so that he may receive all necessary medical treatment. It urges the authorities to immediately inform his relatives of his present whereabouts.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters**

- expressing concern at reports that Silvio Aguila Yanes was removed from his cell in Guanajay Prison in a serious condition on 6 March;
- expressing the hope that he has been transferred to hospital in order to receive all necessary medical treatment;
- urging the authorities to immediately inform his relatives of his current whereabouts;
- requesting that the conditions in which he is held in future conform to the

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Minister of the Interior:  
General Abelardo Colomé Ibarra  
Ministro del Interior

**Señor Ministro /  
Dear Minister**

Ministerio del Interior  
Plaza de la Revolución  
Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba

**Telegrams: Ministro Interior, Havana, Cuba**

2) Attorney General:  
Dr Ramón de la Cruz Ochoa  
Fiscal General de la República  
Fiscalía General de la República  
San Rafael 3  
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**Señor Fiscal General/  
Dear Attorney General**

**Telegrams: Fiscal General, Havana, Cuba  
Telexes: 511456 FISGE**

3) Director of Guanajay Prison  
Señor Director  
Prisión de Guanajay  
Guanajay  
Provincia de la Habana, Cuba

**Señor Director / Dear Sir**

**Telegrams: Director Prisión de Guanajay, Provincia Havana, Cuba**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Cuba in your country.

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