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Ill-treatment/Legal Concern

HAITI: Jean-Emile ESTIMABLE (previously reported as Jean EMILE)

Direct JEAN-BAPTISTE, aged 30

Amnesty International has learned of the release on 2 February 1993 of Jean-Emile Estimable, who was granted provisional liberty by the criminal court in St Marc. Jean-Emile Estimable was arrested on 22 January 1993 in the village of Pont Joux, 3rd Section of Marchand Dessalines, Artibonite department, following an argument with the local *chef de section*. He was subsequently accused of carrying pro-Aristide leaflets and was transferred to the prison of Marchand Dessalines and from there to St Marc Prison.

Jean-Emile Estimable, who Amnesty International has now learned is a journalist with Radio Cacique, was reportedly severely ill-treated while detained in St Marc Prison. He was reportedly severely beaten and in order to stop the beatings he was forced to pay 100 gourdes (approximately US\$16). He was also forced to pay a similar amount in order to attain access to the most basic conditions of hygiene. As a result of the beatings he received, Jean-Emile Estimable is suffering from chest and stomach pains. The detainee's ears were also beaten by means of the *calotte marassa* (twin slap), a simultaneous slap on both ears, usually given by someone standing from behind. It causes great pain and can result in infections in the ear which can result in permanent damage to the ear. Jean-Emile Estimable is suffering from pains to his head and ears as a result of the beatings.

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

- expressing concern at the reported ill-treatment of Jean-Emile Estimable while detained in St Marc prison;
- asking for an immediate investigation into the reported ill-treatment and that those found to be responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO

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2) Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces:

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3) Minister of Justice:

Maître Moïse SENATUS

Ministre de la Justice

Ministère de la Justice

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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Gonaïves, Département de l'Artibonite, Haïti

2) Prison Director - St Marc Prison:

Monsieur le Directeur

Prison St Marc

St Marc, Département de l'Artibonite, Haïti

3) Haïti en Marche (News weekly)

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and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 March 1993.