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Possible extrajudicial execution

27 November 1992

HAITI Justin BRÉZIL, aged 29  
Wesner LUC, aged 20

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Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of Justin Brézil, reportedly abducted on 22 November 1992 in Port-au-Prince together with Wesner Luc. Amnesty International is also concerned that Wesner Luc, found dead the following day, may have been extrajudicially executed.

Justin Brézil and Wesner Luc, active members of Comité National des Congrès des Mouvements Démocratiques (KONAKOM), National Committee of Congress of Democratic Movements, were reportedly abducted on 22 November at about 1pm by three heavily armed men, who drove them away in a jeep. On 23 November the bullet-ridden body of Wesner Luc was reportedly found in a road north of Port-au-Prince. Amnesty International believes that his killing may have been an extrajudicial execution carried out by members of the security forces or those working with them.

No news as to the whereabouts of Justin Brézil have emerged and Amnesty International is concerned for his safety.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Troops violently overthrew the democratically elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who took office in Haiti on 7 February 1991, in a coup on the night of 29 to 30 September. Since then Amnesty International has learned of widespread human rights violations committed by the security forces, including a large number of extrajudicial executions, torture and ill-treatment and mass arrests without warrant. Several of those detained by the authorities remain "disappeared", carried out against supporters and those perceived to be supporters of the ousted president. These abuses have been carried out by uniformed security force agents or, on some occasions, by men in civilian clothes ostensibly linked to them (see Haiti: Human Rights Held to Ransom, AI Index: AMR 36/41/92, August 1992). On 19 June 1992 a new prime minister, Marc Bazin was sworn in. Several days before he took office, he pledged before the Haitian senate to "stop repression and restore freedom of the press". However, Amnesty International is continuing to receive reports of widespread human rights violations.

Since the 1991 coup members of KONAKOM have been the target of threats and intimidation.

On 3 September 1992 Marcel Fleurzile, peasant leader and member of KONAKOM, was reportedly killed by unidentified men and his body found in Port-au-Prince near the KONAKOM offices (see UA 289/92, AMR 36/47/92 of 11 September 1992).

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

- asking that the whereabouts of Justin Brézin be made known and that his physical safety be guaranteed;

- asking for a thorough investigation into the abduction of Justin Brézin and Wesner Luc and into the killing of the latter, that the results of the investigation be made public and those found to be responsible be brought to justice;

- urging that all adequate measures be taken to guarantee the safety of other members of KONAKOM.

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