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Further Information on UA 07/04 (AMR 41/001/2004, 7 January 2004) Fear for safety/intimidation

MEXICO Arturo Solís (m)
Other members of the human rights organization *Centro de Estudios Fronterizos y de Promoción de los Derechos Humanos* (CEFPRODHAC)

Relatives of murder victim José Antonio Cervantes Espeleta

CEFPRODHAC president Arturo Solís has received another death threat. A man called the organization's office in the city of Reynosa on 4 February, while he was out, and told the receptionist, "stop fucking around or we'll get him" (*deje de estar chingando o le va a llevar la chingada*).

In January 2004, the organization publicly highlighted police involvement in the murder of local businessman José Antonio Cervantes Espeleta. Four people have been detained, but the key suspect, a state judicial police officer, is still reportedly on the run. CEFPRODHAC is continuing to push for justice in this and other cases of alleged police involvement in abductions and murders.

CEFPRODHAC have reported the latest telephone threat to the Attorney General of Tamaulipas and the State Human Rights Commission (*Comisión Estatal de Derechos Humanos de Tamaulipas*).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish or your own language:

- expressing concern at the threatening phone call to Arturo Solís on 4 February 2004;
- urging the authorities to take steps to protect Arturo Solís and other members of CEFPRODHAC, in accordance with the wishes of those at risk;
- calling for a prompt and full investigation into this latest telephone threat against Arturo Solís, for the results to be made public and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- reminding the authorities to fully investigate the kidnap and murder of José Antonio Cervantes Espeleta and bring those responsible to justice.

APPEALS TO:

Governor of Tamaulipas

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Salutation: Dear Governor/Señor Gobernador

Attorney General of Tamaulipas

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Salutation: Dear Attorney General/Señor Procurador

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Salutation: Estimado Maestro/Dear Sir

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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 March 2004.