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Further Information on UA 169/06 (AMR 41/030/2006, 14 June 2006) Fear for safety/excessive use of force

MEXICO **Teachers and members of the Teachers' Union *Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación* (SNTE), Oaxaca sector (*magisterial*)**
Their families

Amnesty International has received further information about the violent confrontations that took place on 14 June, when State police entered the central square in Oaxaca City with the intention of evicting striking teachers. While strikers and police were reportedly injured in the confrontation, Amnesty International has been able to confirm that no deaths occurred.

Ten teachers were detained by the state police and at least 6 police were held by the striking teachers during the attempted eviction. On 15 June, following the intervention of the Ministry of Interior (*Secretaría de Gobernación*) a negotiation process was initiated in which the government of Oaxaca agreed to release the 10 detainees and suspend 25 arrest warrants against a number of the leaders of the teacher's union.

Striking teachers continue to occupy the central square and the surrounding streets. The situation remains tense and there is no clear indication as to when the industrial dispute may be resolved. Amnesty International continues to monitor the situation, particularly with regard to possible new attempts to carry out forced eviction of striking teachers.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.