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Further information on UA 255/96 (AMR 41/70/97, 5 November 1996) and follow-ups (AMR 41/71/96, 6 November; AMR 41/73/96, 12 November; AMR 41/08/97, 13 February 1997 and AMR 41/30/97, 8 May 1997) - Fear for safety / Death threats / Possible "disappearances" / Ill-treatment

MEXICOMembers of CONPAZ, human rights organization
Dr Gerardo González Figueroa and his family

At 11pm on 3 June 1997, Dr Gerardo González Figueroa, chairperson of the *Coordinación de Organismos No Gubernamentales por la Paz* (CONPAZ), Coordination of Non-Governmental Organizations for Peace, based in San Cristóbal de las Casas, state of Chiapas, received an anonymous phone call threatening the life of one of his daughters.

The caller, who was female, said: "I am going to cut one of your daughters into pieces, then let's see what your human rights activists have to say" (*voy a descuartizar a una de tus hijas, a ver que dicen los de derechos humanos*).

This death threat conforms to the pattern of harassment and attacks that Dr Gerardo González and his family have suffered since February 1995. As far as Amnesty International is aware, no one has been brought to justice for conducting this campaign against CONPAZ and its members.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:

- expressing concern at the anonymous death threat received by Dr Gerardo González Figueroa against his daughter;
- calling for effective and immediate measures to ensure his family's safety and to stop any further threats and attacks against them and other members of CONPAZ;
- urging that full and impartial investigations be opened into this and previous death threats and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- requesting to be kept informed about measures adopted to prevent future attacks, and about the investigations carried out into these and previous incidents.

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Salutation; Sr. Gobernador / Dear Governor

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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 27 July 1997.