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Further information on UA 200/96 (AMR 41/43/96, 13 August 1996) - Death threats / Fear for safety

MEXICO Pilar Noriega (f), human rights lawyer
 Digna Ochoa (f), human rights lawyer

On the afternoon of 28 August 1996, Pilar Noriega and Digna Ochoa, human rights lawyers and members of the *Centro de Derechos Humanos Agustín Pro-Juárez (PRODH)*, Human Rights Centre Agustín Pro-Juárez, received an anonymous letter at the PRODH's office in Mexico City, announcing their death in a week's time.

This is the latest of a series of threats against members of PRODH, which appear to be related to the lawyers' work in defending seven people imprisoned under unfounded charges of having links with the *Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional (EZLN)*, Zapatista National Liberation Army, whom Amnesty International believes are prisoners of conscience (see original UA).

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

- expressing grave concern about continuing death threats against lawyers Pilar Noriega and Digna Ochoa, apparently as a result of their human rights work;
- urging the government to adopt immediate and effective measures to ensure their safety and to carry out full investigations in order to bring those responsible to justice;
- requesting to be kept informed about the results of such investigations.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior
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Salutation: Sr. Secretario / Dear Minister

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Salutation: Sr. Procurador / Dear Attorney General

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Salutation: Sr. Procurador / Dear Attorney General

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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 10 October 1996.