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Further information on UA 122/96 (AMR 41/22/96, 9 May 1996) - Fear for Safety

**MEXICO** Father Camilo Daniel, Catholic priest and human rights activist  
Mary Pérez de Soto (f), parish secretary of the above  
Camilo Soto Pérez, Mary's son  
Anita Soto Pérez, Mary's daughter

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Amnesty International has received a letter from Father Camilo Daniel in which he tells us that the mail and telephone threats against himself, Mary Pérez Soto and her family appear to have abated.

The letters goes on: *"This terrible situation...has led us to reflect upon some of our experiences, which we would like to share with you. We are thankful both to God and to you for your solidarity and hope to mutually reinforce our enthusiasm and commitment to the construction of a more just and democratic society that doesn't turn its back on its weakest members..."*

*"... we consider that there is an urgent need to strengthen those things that contribute to peace, like re-establishing the dialogue in Chiapas, re-establishing legality, rapid and effective attention to the social problems affecting the most vulnerable social sectors like the indigenous people and the farmers, the prosecution of criminals without violating human rights of innocent people, and promoting economic, political and social democracy..."*

*"We further hope that, in response to the emergence of social organizations that seek participation at all levels of society, the government enters into a dialogue based on mutual respect and stops considering these groups as enemies to be conquered and begins to look at them as new expressions of a society that is committed to participating in public matters and to broadly exercising its civil and civic rights..."*

Father Camilo ends by saying: *"There is a saying: "every cloud has a silver lining". When we were victims of death threats, your acts of solidarity strengthened us and made us extremely happy, especially since we never even had the pleasure of meeting you personally. Many human rights organizations and private citizens from over fifteen countries sent letters of concern to President Ernesto Zedillo and Governor Francisco Barrio requesting guarantees for our physical and moral well-being..."*

*"...We would especially like to thank our brothers from other religious orders who answered our urgent action. We would also like you all to know that your letters have not only helped us, but are also helping to resolve the land conflict that gave rise to these threats. Thank you so very much."*

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**No further action is requested at this time.**