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Further information on UA 45/97 (AMR 41/97/97, 7 February 1997) - Fear for safety

MEXICO **Doctor Maria Luisa Mussot (f), social rights activist**

On 6 August 1997, Doctor Maria Luisa Mussot, a representative of the *Coordinadora de Mujeres en Defensa de la Seguridad Social*, Coordinating Committee of Women in Defence of Social Security, was once again threatened by telephone. The threat came following her participation in a radio program in which she had proposed that an appeal be made against the *Ley de Seguridad Social*, Social Security Law, a law recently passed in Mexico which severely affects the social rights of Mexican citizens.

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

- calling on the authorities to guarantee the physical safety of Doctor Maria Luisa Mussot;
- condemning the threats against Maria Luisa Mussot, reportedly made for her role in highlighting the detrimental effects of the new social security law;
- calling for a prompt and full investigation into these threats in order to bring those responsible to justice and expressing concern for the lack of effective investigations into previous threats; asking to be kept informed of any findings;
- expressing deep alarm about continuing human rights violations against social and human rights activists in Mexico.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

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