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MEDIA ADVISORY

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**VISIT BY ROSARIO IBARRA
PRESIDENT OF "COMITÉ EUREKA"**

Rosario Ibarra, tireless human rights defender and president of the *Comité Pro Defensa de Presos, Perseguidos, Desaparecidos y Exiliados Políticos*, commonly known as *Comité Eureka*, will be meeting with Amnesty International staff as part of her organization's activities in the defence of prisoners and "disappeared" persons. Journalists, who will find Rosario Ibarra a most eloquent and fascinating speaker, are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held in Spanish. She will also be available for interviews after the meeting.

**3 pm, Friday 24 October 1997
Amnesty International, International Secretariat
1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ
(please ask for Soraya Bermejo at reception)**

Rosario Ibarra's son, Jesús Piedra Ibarra, a medical student, "disappeared" after being detained by members of the Nuevo León State Judicial Police in April 1975. He remains "disappeared" to this date. The Comité Eureka was formed in August 1977 during a meeting of delegates from organizations of relatives of the "disappeared" in Monterrey, state of Nuevo León. Over the years, the Committee has received more than 3,500 copies of letters sent by Amnesty International members to the Mexican authorities requesting information about the "disappeared". Rosario Ibarra has also been very active in finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in the state of Chiapas.

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