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Torture/Fear of Extrajudicial Execution

PERU:Canto Grande prisoners

Amnesty International has learned that the security forces have now recovered control over the Canto Grande prison in Lima following a confrontation between them and prisoners. This confrontation was provoked by the security forces' initial attempt on 6 May 1992 to transfer women inmates out of the prison. According to official figures, the renewed armed confrontation that ensued from the attempt to regain control over the prison resulted in the death of 28 alleged members of the Partido Comunista del Perú (Sendero Luminoso) (PCP), Communist Party of Perú (Shining Path), and of at least two members of the security forces. Amnesty International has also learned that following the operation, a number of inmates were transferred out of the prison either to hospital or to other detention centres.

According to reported official statements, a number of prisoners remain unaccounted for after the authorities regained control over the prison.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/airmail letters

- expressing concern for the physical safety and lives of those prisoners who remain held in Canto Grande prison, and of those who were transferred out of the prison, following confrontations between prisoners and members of the security forces between 6 and 9 May 1992;
- recognising the right of the authorities to ensure that prisoners follow prison regulations consistent with UN minimum standards;
- asking that the security forces employed in imposing order in Canto Grande prison be given explicit instructions to conduct their operations within a strict observance of internationally recognised human rights standards;
- asking that the authorities make immediately available a full and updated list of the prisoners held in Canto Grande Prison before the incidents of 6 May 1992 and to give details of the situation of those who remain there and of those who were transferred out of the prison, indicating their present whereabouts;
- asking that the prisoners be humanely treated and given access to

independent lawyers, doctors and relatives;

- requesting that a full and impartial inquiry be immediately set up to investigate the circumstances in which at least 28 members of the PCP and two members of the police were killed in Canto Grande prison and that the findings be made public.

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APPEALS TO

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3) President of the Armed Forces Joint Command:

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Organization:

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Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos
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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 June 1992.