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Amnesty International has learned of the release of the above-mentioned 13 people on 5 February 1992. The 13 were detained in Caracas on 23 January 1992 together with Mark Flavio Zuchelli, who was released on that same day free of charge.

A judge ordered the release of the 13 detainees after finding no evidence to suggest that these people were guilty of the crimes they were accused of.

On 31 January 1992, the Attorney General's Office [for translation only: Fiscalía General de la República] initiated a preliminary investigation into complaints of torture and ill-treatment in custody brought by the detainees and Mark Flavio Zuchelli.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters, preferably in Spanish**

- welcoming the release of 13 people after there was no evidence to suggest they were guilty of the crimes they were accused of;
- welcoming the decision of the Attorney General's Office to open investigations into complaints made by the detainees and Mark Flavio ZUCHELLI who claim they were tortured or otherwise ill-treated while in custody;
- asking to be informed about the progress of the investigations into these complaints and of any eventual judicial proceedings against those found

responsible;

- asking that, if the allegations of torture and ill-treatment made by these people are proved to be true, the victims receive adequate compensation.

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**APPEALS TO:**

President:

Sr. Carlos Andrés Pérez  
Presidente de la República  
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La Candelaria, Caracas, Venezuela  
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Daily Newspaper:

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Boleíta Norte,  
Caracas, Venezuela

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and to diplomatic representatives of Venezuela in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after 25 March 1992.