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Further Information on UA 157/06 (AMR 53/004/2006, 2 June 2006) Fear for safety

VENEZUELA

**Maria del Rosario Guerrero Galluci (f)
Adolfo Martínez Barrios (m)
Other members of their family**

Human rights defender María del Rosario Guerrero Galluci, her husband Adolfo Martínez Barrios and their family are reported to be receiving protection from the authorities, in accordance with their wishes. An investigation has reportedly been opened into the assassination attempt against her and her husband, and two people have apparently been charged with attempted murder.

Amnesty International welcomes the measures which have been implemented for the protection of María del Rosario Guerrero and her family and the investigation into the assassination attempt. It is believed that they are no longer in immediate danger. However, the organization will continue to monitor María del Rosario Guerrero's situation and campaign for those responsible for the assassination attempt to be brought to justice.

Moreover, the organization also continues to call on the authorities to ensure that all the cases of alleged violations of human rights by police officers in Guarico state are investigated promptly, independently and thoroughly and the perpetrators are brought to justice.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required at present.