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Further information on EXTRA 60/97 (AMR 53/03/97, 28 April 1997) and follow-up (AMR 53/04/97, 8 May 1997) - Fear of torture/ Fear of further arbitrary arrests

VENEZUELA Wilma Rauseo (f), trade unionist
Graciela Aguirre García (f)
Marisela Baoda Medina (f), teacher

On 13 August 1997, Wilma Rauseo and Marisela Baoda Medina were unconditionally released from military detention after no incriminating evidence was found against them.

Amnesty International welcomes the news of their release but continues to be concerned for the safety of Graciela Aguirre García who remains in detention though she has now gained access to a lawyer.

Wilma Rauseo and Marisela Baoda Medina expressed their thanks to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.

PLEASE CONTINUE ACTION: Send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Graciela Aguirre García if she is not to be charged with recognisable criminal offences and if she is charged that she be transferred to the jurisdiction of the civilian courts;
- seeking assurances she is being treated humanely and in accordance with international standards.

APPEALS TO:

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2) Daily newspaper
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and to diplomatic representatives of Venezuela accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 September 1997.