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Further information on EXTRA 141/97 (AMR 53/17/97, 21 October 1997) - Fear of Torture

VENEZUELA Yuraima Lara (f), aged 22, student, member of left-wing organization, *Bandera Roja* (Red Flag)

Amnesty International has been informed that Yuraima Lara was released from detention late on 21 October 1997. She was in detention at the headquarters of the security police, the *Dirección de Servicios de Inteligencia y Prevención* (DISIP), Directorate of Intelligence and Prevention Services, in the capital, Caracas, subsequent to her arbitrary arrest by *Policia del Municipio Sucre*, Sucre Municipal Police on 16 October.

Yuraima Lara is currently in the Pérez Carreno Hospital where she is being treated for serious injuries incurred to her head, stomach and other parts of her body at the hands of the Municipal Police and the DISIP.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Yuraima Lara but expressing grave concern at her arbitrary detention and the brutal treatment she was reportedly subjected to whilst in detention;
- calling for a full and independent investigation into her arrest and ill-treatment and ensuring that those responsible be brought to justice.

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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 21 November 1997.