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Further information (1) on UA 245/95 (ASA 17/87/95, 25 October 1995) - Hunger Strike / Health Concern/ / Prisoners of Conscience

CHINAChen Ziming and Wang Zhihong (husband and wife)

On 26 October, Wang Zhihong, wife of Chen Ziming, was released from police custody by the Chinese authorities; she had been held for five days and is now reported to be staying at the home of her husband's parents in Beijing under virtual house-arrest. "She cannot come to the telephone" a relative said, "she is too ill to speak to anyone". The relative said that Chen Ziming's elderly parents were also too sick to go out after several days in police custody. They too had been arrested for participating in the same peaceful protest in Shuangxiu Park in Beijing calling for proper medical care for their son.

Chen Ziming, who is suffering from cancer, is being denied proper medical care. There has been no further news as to whether or not Chen Ziming remains on hungerstrike and communications with him are limited following the restrictions imposed on his family visits.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express/airmail letters in English, Chinese or in your own language or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Wang Zhihong and parents of the Chen Ziming, but expressing regret at reports that they are in ill-health following their detention and that they are under virtual house arrest;
- calling for the restrictions placed on family members of dissidents to be lifted;
- calling for the release of Chen Ziming and requesting that he be provided with proper medical care.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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Salutation: Dear Director

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(Please transfer to the Public Health Minister)

Telegrams: Minister of Public Security, Beijing, China

Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES TO: to diplomatic representatives of China accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 December 1995.