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Further information (3) on UA 193/95 (ASA 25/18/95 of 2 August 1995) and follow-ups (ASA 25/19/95 of 1 September 1995, ASA 25/23/95 of 6 October 1995) - health concern / fear of ill-treatment / prisoner of conscience

REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA) Park Yong-gil (f), aged 76

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On 20 October 1995, Park Yong-gil was transferred from Seoul Detention Centre to Samsung Medical Centre for treatment. Following a request from her lawyer Seoul District Criminal Court authorized her temporary release on medical grounds until 30 November. The judge is reported to have said "as she was suffering from heart disease, I decided she needs treatment at a specialized heart clinic".

Park Yong-gil was charged under the National Security Law for making an unauthorized visit to North Korea in July 1995 and is currently on trial before Seoul District Criminal Court. She refused to attend her first trial hearing, in early October.

Amnesty International continues to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Park Yong-gil.

Urgent Action network participants are thanked for all the appeals sent on behalf of Park Yong-gil. No further action is required at present.