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Further information on UA 210/97 (ASA 37/18/97, 14 July 1997) and follow-up (ASA 37/19/97, 16 July 1997; ASA 37/26/97, 30 October 1997; ASA 37/28/97, 26 November 1997) - Fear for safety / Fear of torture

SRI LANKAT A D J Thenuwara

L Sunil Perera

M H R Pushpakumara

Mahinda Dias

J A J Jayakody

A W M Mustapha

R Yugathanathan (all crew members from the ship *Misen*)

For the first time since they were taken prisoner by the Liberation Tamil Tigers of Eelam (LTTE) in early July 1997, the seven above named crew members of the *Misen* passenger ferry have been allowed to receive a visit from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The prisoners were also able to pass messages to their relatives through the ICRC representatives.

The Urgent Action network will be informed of any subsequent information received by Amnesty International regarding the prisoners' conditions. While appeals on their and other prisoners' behalf continue, thanks go out to all those who have sent appeals on this case.

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

- welcoming the access given to the ICRC to the seven crew members of the *Misen*, and urging that the men be treated humanely while they remain in custody;
- urging that all others held by the Liberation Tamil Tigers of Eelam be given immediate access to the ICRC, that they be treated humanely and given the opportunity to communicate with their relatives as required under international humanitarian standards.

APPEALS TO:

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COPIES TO: Other Tamil organizations in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 May 1998.