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CYPRUS: Theocharis Theokli THEOCHARIDIS, aged 53

The trial of Jehovah's Witness Theocharis Theokli Theocharidis has been postponed until 20 May 1994. Because of his religion, he has refused to perform reservist military exercises due to begin on 28 April and faces a possible prison term of between one to five months.

He has extremely poor eye-sight and suffers from enlargement of the heart and high blood pressure. His applications for exemption from military obligations on health grounds have so far not been accepted.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters, in Greek, English, French or your own language:**

- stressing that in view of his poor health, Theocharis Theokli Theocharidis should be exempted from any military exercise;
- pointing out that if he is imprisoned, Amnesty International will consider him to be a prisoner of conscience;
- calling for the introduction of a wholly civilian service of non-punitive length in line with the Resolution 1989/59 of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and with the Recommendation No. R(87) 8 of the Council of Europe.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) Mr Glafcos Klerides,  
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Presidential Palace,  
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**Faxes: 2-445016**

**Telegrams: President Klerides, Nicosia, Cyprus**

**Salutation: Dear President**

2) Dr Konstandinos Iliadhis,  
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Ministry of Defence,  
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**Telegrams: Defence Minister Iliadhis, Nicosia, Cyprus**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

3) Mr Alexandros Evangelou,  
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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of CYPRUS accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 May 1994.