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Further information on EXTRA 101/93 (EUR 44/110/93, 19 November 1993 - and follow-up: EUR 44/112/93, 24 November 1993) - Fear of Torture/Legal Concern

TURKEY: Lawyers: Hüsniye Ölmez (female)
 Meral Dan__ Be__ ta__ (female), Secretary of the Human
 Rights Association (IHD) branch in Diyarbak__ r
 Mesut Be__ ta__
 Sebahattin Acar
 Baki Demirhan
 __ inasi Tur
 Arif Altunkalem
 Nevzat Kaya
 Vedat Erten
 Tahir Elçi (from Cizre)
 Niyazi Çem (from Istanbul)

new names: Fuat Hayri Durmu__
 Gazanfer Abbasio__ lu
 Selim Kurban__ lu
 __ mam __ ahin
 Arzu __ ahin (female)

Another five lawyers have been detained in a police operation which has been continuing since mid-November. Most recently detained were __ mam and Arzu __ ahin in Istanbul on 7 December, who may have been transferred to Diyarbak__ r.

There are now 16 defence lawyers in detention, reportedly on the basis of statements given to the police by a political prisoner in Diyarbak__ r Prison who became a police informer.

No-one, including the President of the Diyarbak__ r Bar Association, has been granted access to the detained lawyers. They continue to be held incommunicado and, under emergency legislation in force in Diyarbak__ r province, may be held for a maximum of 30 days.

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

- expressing grave concern about the detention of 16 defence lawyers in Diyarbak__ r and Istanbul;
- seeking assurances that they are not subjected to torture or any other form of ill-treatment;
- urging that their detention be conducted in accordance with existing legislation and that they be granted access to a representative of their Bar;
- asking to be informed of any charges that may be brought against them.

APPEALS TO

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Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

1) Emergency Legislation Governor:
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Salutation: Dear Governor

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 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 January 1994.