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Further information on EXTRA 75/95 (EUR 44/151/94, 9 December 1994) - Possible "Disappearance"/Fear for safety

Turkey:Faik Candan, lawyer

The body of the Kurdish lawyer Faik Candan was found on the morning of 14 December. Faik Candan, aged 30 and a father of two, "disappeared" after leaving his office in Ankara on 2 December reportedly to go to the bank. His body was found in a deserted area in the Salih Bey region some 15 kilometres from Bala, a town 40 kilometres south of Ankara and the site of a military base. He had been killed with four bullets into his head, neck and chest, presumably on 11 or 12 December.

Faik Candan, president of the Ankara Branch of the People's Labour Party (HEP) in 1992, has been described as an outspoken critic of the Turkish Government's policies towards the Kurdish minority.

In the first 10 months of 1994, more than 380 people have become victims of political killings by unidentified assailants, mostly in the streets of cities in southeast Turkey. On 12 November the Kurdish lawyer Medet Serhat (59) became the victim of professional killers in Istanbul. In most of these cases the perpetrators have not been identified and relatives believe that agents of the state are responsible for the killing. In February 1993, a cross-party parliamentary commission was established to investigate these "murders by unknown persons", but 20 months later, when the total death toll had risen to over 1,200, the commission had still not submitted a final report nor proposed any concrete measures to put a halt to the murders.

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

- expressing your outrage over the murder of the Kurdish lawyer Faik Candan, member of the Ankara Bar Association, who "disappeared" on 2 December and was found dead on 14 December near Bala, south of Ankara;
- urging that a commission of investigation be set up in accordance with the United Nations Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions, to investigate the killing of the lawyer Faik Candan, and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- asking to be informed of the results of the investigation.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Your Excellency

2) Deputy Prime Minister

Mr Murat Karayalç_n
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Salutation: Dear Deputy Prime Minister

3) State Minister with responsibility for Human Rights:

Mr Azimet Köylüo_lu
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Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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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 12 January 1995.