PUBLIC AI Index: EUR 68/006/2005

15 December 2005

Further Information on UA 287/05 (EUR 68/003/2005, 11 November 2005) - Fear of forcible return/fear for safety

SLOVENIA Ali Berisha (m), aged about 36

Mahi Berisha (f), aged 36

Their four children: Dem (m), aged 8, Egzon (m), aged 6, Egzona (f), aged 4,

Haxhi (m), aged 3

On 16 November a Slovenian court ruled against the transfer of Ali Berisha and his family to Germany, where they would be at risk of being removed to Kosovo. The court annulled two decrees from the Slovenian Ministry of the Interior which had stated that the family should be deported, and stated that they cannot be removed before the court ruling is finalized.

The Ministry of the Interior has appealed against the court's decision. The Slovenian Supreme Court is now expected to rule on the case, but it is not known how long they will take to come to a decision. Pending the Supreme Court ruling, Ali Berisha and his family are no longer in imminent danger of forcible transfer to Germany.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is needed at present. Amnesty International will continue to monitor Ali Berisha's case and will take further action as necessary.