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Further information on UA 178/93 (EUR 70/10/93, 2 June 1993) - and follow-ups: EUR 70/11/93, 14 June 1993 and EUR 70/12/93, 22 June 1993. - Legal concern/Ill-treatment

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA: Vuk Draškovi\_, President of the Serbian Renewal

Movement (SP0)

Danica Draškovi (female), his wife

Amnesty International has received further information about the situation of Vuk and Danica Draškovi\_, who were arrested and seriously ill-treated by the police on the night of 1 June 1993 and are at present in the Neurological Clinic in Belgrade.

On 30 June 1993 the district public prosecutor of Belgrade filed an indictment against them. Earlier charges of attacking the constitutional order have been dropped. Instead, Vuk Draškovi\_ has been charged with "hindering an official in the performing of his duties". He is accused of having punched and injured a policeman, Ilija Djuri\_, who was guarding the parliament buildings on 1 June. (Lawyers for the defence have publicly referred to alleged inconsistencies in statements given by Ilija Djuric.)

Both Vuk and his wife Danica have been charged with "taking part in a gathering which used violence". They are accused of leading a crowd of demonstrators up to the parliament building and inciting them to enter it by means of force, as a result of which, according to the indictment, one policeman died and others were injured.

The public prosecutor has requested that Vuk and Danica Draškovi\_ remain detained pending trial. On 6 July the Supreme Court also ruled that they should remain in detention. Vuk Draskovic began a hunger strike on 1 July in protest of his continued detention. On 2 July a 10-member forensic medical team, which examined Vuk and Danica Draškovi\_ in mid-June, declared that the health of both Vuk and Danica had deteriorated seriously and they advised that the two be released from custody.

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

- expressing continued deep concern at reports of the poor health of Vuk Draškovi\_ and his wife Danica, caused by injuries inflicted by police officers at the time of their arrest on the night of 1 June 1993;
- urging that they be granted appropriate medical care as recommended by a

team of medical experts of the Neurological Clinic of Belgrade Medical Faculty on 2 July;

- urging the authorities to initiate a prompt, independent and impartial inquiry into their ill-treatment and to bring those responsible to justice.

## APPEALS TO:

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1) President of the Republic of Serbia:

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Salutation: Dear President

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and to diplomatic representatives of the FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 August 1993.