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Further information on UA 239/00 (EUR 70/36/00, 11 August 2000) and follow-up (EUR 70/46/00, 11 September 2000) - Ill-treatment/medical concern/prisoner of conscience

21 September 2000

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (FRY) Miroslav Filipovi_ , journalist

Prisoner of conscience Miroslav Filipovi_ was reportedly moved back to Niš military prison this morning. Amnesty International is concerned that, because of his heart condition, the move may put his life in danger.

He had been in Niš military hospital for over a month. A cardiologist who has seen the results of tests to monitor Miroslav Filipovi_'s heart function has told Amnesty International that they indicated clear abnormalities, suggesting that he may have heart disease. Miroslav Filipovi_ has complained of pain and numbness in his chest and left arm, as well as difficulty in walking, and he has reportedly fainted. This would support a diagnosis of heart disease.

A patient with heart disease is at serious risk of heart attack without treatment in a hospital with a well-equipped cardiology department, such as the Belgrade Military Medical Academy (VMA).

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send further telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Serbian, English or your own language:

- expressing concern that Miroslav Filipovi_ has been returned to prison;
- emphasizing that medical tests showed that he may be at serious risk of a heart attack unless he is given proper medical care;
- urging the authorities to move him immediately to the Belgrade Military Medical Academy (VMA);
- reminding the authorities that Amnesty International considers Miroslav Filipovi_ a prisoner of conscience, who should be immediately and unconditionally released.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 November 2000.