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**Further information (1) on UA 113/96 (MDE 13/14/96, 30 April 1996) - Forcible Return / Fear for Safety and new concern: Fear of Torture / Ill-treatment**

**TURKEY/IRAN            Mehrdad Kavoussi, aged 36, Iranian asylum-seeker**

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Amnesty International has received unconfirmed reports that Mehrdad Kavoussi, forcibly returned to Iran from Turkey on 25 April 1995, is being held in a detention centre in Tehran controlled by the Ministry of Information. The legal basis for any such detention is unknown, but it is feared that, if true, he may be held in incommunicado detention and to be at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

The Iranian authorities have not yet provided any information to Amnesty International or to members of the Urgent Action network regarding Mehrdad Kavoussi's whereabouts.

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

To the Iranian authorities:

- calling for immediate clarification of Mehrdad Kavoussi's whereabouts, asking whether he is currently detained in Tehran;
- if he is detained, seeking clarification of the legal basis of his detention, including details of any charges brought against him and of any trial proceedings;
- if he is detained, seeking assurances that he is being humanely treated, and that he has access to family members, to a lawyer of his choice and to a doctor, if necessary.

To the Turkish authorities:

- calling for the Turkish authorities to seek urgent clarification from the Iranian Government of Mehrdad Kavoussi's whereabouts and his current legal status, and seeking assurances that, if he is detained, he is being humanely treated and has access to relatives and a lawyer of his choice, and to a doctor, if necessary.
- calling on them not to forcibly return anyone to countries where they may be at risk of human rights violations.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran and Turkey accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 26 June 1996.