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**Further information on UA 349/92 (AFR 12/16/92, 11 November 1992) - Legal concern/Fear of ill-treatment**

**ANGOLA:Godfrey Absalom Nangonya, aged 61**

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Godfrey Absalom Nangonya, who was detained on 1 November 1992 on account of his sympathy with the opposition União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, was released on 15 December 1992.

Over 70 others arrested in similar circumstances and held in Estrada de Catete prison were also released on 15 December. However other detained UNITA members or supporters are apparently still being held in other detention centres.

Amnesty International has been informed that Godfrey Nangonya's wife and children were arrested with him and that they were released four days later. After their arrest the family was taken to a police station where both Godfrey Nangonya and his wife were beaten in front of their children. Godfrey Nangonya suffered a broken tooth and an injury to his arm. He was subsequently transferred to the Estrada de Catete prison where, one night, a guard shot at him as he was sleeping. The reasons for the shooting are not clear. Fortunately he was not injured as the bullet passed between his arm and his chest.

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

- welcoming the release of Godfrey Absalom Nangonya and other prisoners who were also released on 15 December 1992;

- expressing concern that Godfrey Absalom Nangonya was reportedly beaten at the time of his arrest and shot at in prison;

- urging that the cases of all remaining political prisoners be reviewed in order to determine whether any of those still detained were arrested solely because they expressed, or are suspected of expressing, support for UNITA without taking up arms against the government and that such prisoners be released immediately;

- calling on the authorities to ensure that law-enforcement officials act in accordance with international standards for the protection of prisoners and that prisoners are given regular access to their families, lawyers and medical assistance.

**APPEALS TO**

(Note: in communications to newly-appointed officials as indicated below, please refer to your previous appeals to their predecessors.)

1) Interior Minister:

Sua Excelência  
Santana André Pitra "Petrof" (new appointment)  
Ministro do Interior  
Ministério do Interior  
Avenida 4 Fevereiro  
Luanda  
República de Angola  
**Telegrams: Ministro do Interior, Luanda, Angola**

**Salutation: Sua Excelência / Your Excellency**

2) Minister of Justice:

Sua Excelência  
Dr. Paulo Tchupilica (new appointment)  
Ministro da Justiça  
Ministério da Justiça  
Caixa Postal 2581  
Luanda  
República de Angola  
**Telegrams: Ministro da Justiça, Ministério da Justiça, Luanda, Angola**

**Salutation: Sua Excelência / Your Excellency**

3) Provincial Police Chief:

Primeiro Superintendente  
Gaspar Manuel da Silva  
Comandante Provincial da Polícia  
Direcção da Polícia Provincial  
Avenida 4 de Fevereiro, 204  
Luanda  
República de Angola  
**Telegrams: Primeiro Superintendente Gaspar Manuel Silva, Direcção Polícia Provincial, Luanda, Angola**

**Salutation: Excelentíssimo Senhor / Dear Sir**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Foreign Minister:

Sua Excelência  
Venâncio da Silva Moura (new appointment)  
Ministro das Relações Exteriores  
Palácio do Comércio  
Avenida Comandante Gika  
Luanda  
República de Angola

and to diplomatic representatives of Angola accredited to your country.

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