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Further information on EXTRA 44/95 (AFR 24/06/95, 20 April 1995) - Fear of imminent execution

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Pedro Masa Mba (soldier)

Lieutenant-Colonel Pedro Esono Masié (retired)

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The military court which tried soldier Pedro Masa Mba and retired Lieutenant-Colonel Pedro Esono Masié and nine others, met on 24 April 1995 to pass sentence. No death sentences were passed by the court. We believe that the decision not to pass the death sentence was owing to intense international pressure.

Pedro Masa Mba and Pedro Esono Masié were given prison terms of 30 and 12 years respectively. One co-defendant was acquitted and others were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 9 to 28 years.

According to our information, when they appeared in court all but one of the defendants show signs of severe torture and they testified in court that they had been tortured.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- expressing concern that the trial of soldier Pedro Masa Mba and retired Lieutenant-Colonel Pedro Esono Masié and nine co-defendants on 19 April was unfair and that the defendants were given no right of appeal against their conviction or sentence;
- expressing concern at reports that all but one of the defendants were severely tortured while in pre-trial detention;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that the prisoners have access to medical treatment as a matter of urgency;
- urging that reports that the prisoners were tortured be immediately and thoroughly investigated, the findings made public and those responsible brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Equatorial Guinea accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International secretariat, or your section office if sending appeals after 24 May 1995.