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EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Jorge Ondó Esono )  
António Abogo )  
Marcos Manuel Ngongo )

political activists

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Jorge Ondó Esono and António Abogo, arrested on 19 November 1994, are reportedly being subjected, every morning and evening, to severe beatings by one metre-long rubber batons, of 50 strokes each time.

The two men, both members of the *Convergencia para la Democracia Social* (CPDS), Convergence for Social Democracy, were arrested in Akonibe in the southeast of the mainland province of Río Muni shortly before they were due to travel to the province's capital, Bata, to attend a CPDS conference scheduled to run from 29 November to 2 December. The CPDS is one of the main opposition parties in Equatorial Guinea.

Marcos Manuel Ndongo, the CPDS delegate for Europe who normally resides in Spain, was arrested on 23 November. He had arrived in Malabo, the capital of Equatorial Guinea on Bioko Island, on 20 November. He travelled to Bata on 23 November and was arrested at a restaurant at about 9pm. He suffers from a heart complaint and, on 24 November, was allowed a visit from a doctor. On 25 November he was reportedly questioned for four hours about his political views and activities and about the speech he intended to make at the CPDS conference.

During 1994 over 200 political activists, including other members of the CPDS, have been detained without charge or trial for several days or weeks. Most appeared to be prisoners of conscience. Many of those arrested were reported to have been tortured or ill-treated.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language. (You may also make telephone inquiries to some of the authorities, but should do this using Spanish or French only:**

- expressing concern about the reports that Jorge Ondó Esono and António Abogo have been subjected to repeated severe beatings in Akonibe and calling on the authorities to take immediate steps to halt any torture or ill-treatment;
- expressing concern that Jorge Ondó Esono, António Abogo and Marcos Manuel Ndongo appear to have been arrested solely on account of their peaceful political activities;
- stating that if they are not to be promptly charged with recognizably criminal offences and fairly tried in full accordance with Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights they should be released immediately and unconditionally;
- seeking assurances that Marcos Manuel Ndongo is given any necessary medical treatment for his heart complaint.

**APPEALS TO:**

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General de Brigada Teodoro Obiang Nguema  
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