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"Disappearance" / Fear for Physical Safety

SOUTH AFRICA:Clare STEWART, 34-year-old agricultural development worker and African National Congress (ANC) member, northern Natal

Amnesty International has received information indicating that the police have found the body of Clare Stewart.

It appears that on 24 November 1993 some herd boys found a decomposed body some 20 kilometres off a road near the town of Ingwavuma, northern Natal. Police investigators confirmed that the clothes on the body were the clothes that Clare was wearing at the time of her "disappearance" on 10 November. Near the body the police found her identification document, her bag and two gun cartridges. The police have brought the body to Durban where a post-mortem examination will be performed, probably by the end of the week. Final confirmation of the identity of the body and the cause of death can be expected some time next week.

Amnesty International has not received any information indicating that the police have arrested any suspects in connection with Clare Stewart's abduction and murder.

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

- expressing concern that Clare Stewart, an agricultural development worker from the Mangusi area near the Mozambican border in Natal, was abducted on 10 November 1993;
- noting that on 24 November her body was found near the town of Ingwavuma;
- urging the authorities to take all possible steps necessary to arrest those responsible for her abduction and murder, and to bring them to justice.

APPEALS TO

1) Mr H J Coetsee, Minister of Justice and of Defence
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Salutation: Dear Minister

2) Mr H J Kriel, Minister of Law and Order
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Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Captain Erasmus, Murder and Robbery Unit
Empangeni Police Station, Empangeni 3880, South Africa
Telegrams: Captain Erasmus, Empangeni Police Station, Empangeni 3880, South Africa
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Salutation: Dear Captain

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Newcastle Police Station, Newcastle 2940, South Africa
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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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- Editor, Natal Mercury, PO Box 950, Durban 4000, South Africa

and to diplomatic representatives of South Africa accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 January 1993.