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Further information on 325/90 (AFR 62/08/90, 8 August 1990) - Secret Detention/Legal Concern

ZAÏRE:Members of the Union pour la démocratie et le progrès social (UDPS),
Union for Democracy and Social Progress, including:

Lusamba Mubi-Malu
Miseia Kabulu Christophe
Ngandu wa Loko
Mpasu Mabanza
Sapue Kumene

Members of the Mouvement national congolais - Lumumba (MNC-L),
Congolese National Movement - Lumumba, including:

Ekongo Udimba Paul
Olongo Mamba Jean-Marie
Otete Gaston

More than a dozen members of the Union pour la démocratie et le progrès social (UDPS) arrested by the security forces on 16 July 1990 in Kinshasa were released by the end of the month. They had been beaten and two women among them were said to have been raped.

Ekongo Udimba Paul and at least three other members of the Mouvement national congolais - Lumumba (MNC-L) who were arrested in July 1990 while demonstrating peacefully in Kinshasa were held incommunicado for several weeks before being released uncharged.

All appeared to be prisoners of conscience, detained for having exercised their rights to freedom of association and assembly.

No further action by Urgent Action participants is requested. Thanks to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.