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Further information on UA 381/00 (AFR 62/31/00, 18 December 2000) and follow-ups (AFR 62/01/01, 9 January 2000; AFR 62/02/01, 11 January 2001) - Fear of torture/"disappearance"/execution

Commander Anselme Masasu Nindaga; Commander Vincent Madjaga; Colonel Madoadoa; Colonel Kasongo; General Sebalende; police officer Bernard Munogolo; police officer Jimmy Katende; police officer Batesema Mastaki; ANR member Guillaume Rugumbira Lwagunja; ANR member Odon Mweze; Ngalamulume Mukwege; Aimée Ntabarusha Mungu, civil servant, and her baby
At least 100 others from the Kivu region of eastern DRC

Released: Jeanine Mukanirwa, human rights activist

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

Jeanine Mukanirwa, a women's rights activist from eastern DRC, was released without charge on 14 January. She was not ill-treated in detention. She is now required to report daily until further notice to the security service known as the *Détection militaire des activités anti-patrie* (DEMIAP), Military Detection of Unpatriotic Activities.

The situation in the DRC is uncertain, following the reported assassination of President Laurent-Désiré Kabila on 16 January. However, Amnesty International considers that all those from the Kivu region of eastern DRC detained incommunicado in various security service detention centres in Kinshasa and Lubumbashi (see previous UAs) are still at risk of torture and "disappearance".

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

- welcoming the release of Jeanine Mukanirwa, but expressing concern that over 100 others from the Kivu region are still held incommunicado and without charge;
- expressing alarm that Aimée Ntabarusha Mungu and her baby have reportedly "disappeared", and urging the authorities to reveal where she and all the other detainees are held;
- expressing concern that the detainees are at risk of torture while held incommunicado, and calling for them to be granted immediate access to their families, lawyers and medical care;
- asking what formal charges, if any, the detainees face, asking that any legal proceedings against them conform to international fair trial standards, including the right to legal representation of choice, adequate time to prepare defence and the right to appeal before a higher court.

APPEALS TO:

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Minister of Justice
Monsieur Mwenze KONGOLO

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and to diplomatic representatives of the Democratic Republic of Congo accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 1 March 2001.