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Further information on UA 123/94 (AMR 13/03/94, 29 March 1994) - Death in custody / death threats

ARGENTINA Diego RODRIGUEZ LAGUENS, forestry expert (ingeniero forestal):

The judicial inquiry into the killing of Diego Rodriguez Laguens is reaching a crucial stage.

There are reports that the provincial police, who under normal circumstances would conduct the investigation under the direction of the investigative magistrate, is stalling the investigation. It is important that the Federal Police, who is already helping with the investigation, play a full role in establishing the circumstances of Diego Rodriguez Laguens' death.

Three police officers are in preventive detention pending the outcome of the inquiry.

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

- urging that the circumstances of Diego Rodriguez Laguens' death be thoroughly investigated and that every step is taken to ensure that witnesses are allowed to testify without fear of intimidation.

to the Minister of the Interior only:

- urging the Minister of the Interior to provide the judicial inquiry with the full assistance of the Federal Police.

APPEALS TO:

1) Minister of the Interior
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Salutation: Sr Ministro/Dear Minister

2) Governor of the Province of Jujuy
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and to diplomatic representatives of Argentina accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 June 1994.