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Further information on UA 392/92 (AMR 25/30/92, 14 December 1992) -
Ill-treatment/Legal Concern

Cuba: Elizardo SÁNCHEZ SANTA CRUZ) human rights
Rodolfo GONZÁLEZ) activists

Elizardo Sánchez Santa Cruz, the President of the Comisión Cubana de Derechos Humanos y Reconciliación Nacional (CCDHRN), Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation, was released on bail on 28 December 1992 but is still pending trial on a charge of *desacato*, disrespect, under article 144 of the Cuban Penal Code. At the time of his arrest, several documents were removed from his home by the authorities, including the draft of a report he was preparing for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Cuba. He is still said to be suffering the effects of the serious beating he received from the state security agents who arrested him and which caused him to almost lose consciousness. His arrest took place on 10 December 1992 (the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) at a friend's home in Havana while an "*acto de repudio*", "act of repudiation" was carried out at his home. After being taken to hospital, he was transferred to the headquarters of the Departamento Técnico de Investigaciones (DTI), the police Technical Investigations Department, where he was held until his release on bail.

Rodolfo González, a member of the executive committee of the Comité Cubano Pro Derechos Humanos (CCPDH), Cuban Committee for Human Rights, who was also arrested on 10 December 1992 at his home in Havana, is still believed to be in detention at the headquarters of the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (DSE), Department of State Security, at Villa Marista. He is said to be under investigation on a charge of *propaganda enemiga*, enemy propaganda. Amnesty International believes him to be a prisoner of conscience detained solely as the result of his peaceful human rights activities and political views.

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

- urging the immediate and unconditional release of Rodolfo González on the grounds that he is a prisoner of conscience detained solely on account of his legitimate and peaceful activities;
- requesting that he be granted immediate access to a lawyer of his choice;
- urging that the charges against Elizardo Sánchez Santa Cruz be immediately dropped on the grounds that he would be a prisoner of conscience if convicted and sentenced to a prison term;
- requesting that there be a thorough and impartial investigation into his reported ill-treatment at the time of his arrest and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

1) President

Su Excelencia Dr Fidel Castro Ruz
Presidente del Consejo de Estado
Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba

Telegrams: Presidente Castro, Havana, Cuba

Telexes: 511151 (Ministry of the Armed Forces)

Salutation: Su Excelencia / Your Excellency

2) Attorney-General

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Salutation: Señor Fiscal General / Dear Attorney-General

3) Minister of Justice

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e/ 23 y Humboldt, Vedado
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Telegrams: Ministro Justicia, Havana, Cuba

Telexes: 511331 MINJU CU

Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister

4) President of the People's Supreme Court

Dr José Raúl Amaro Salup
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Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba

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Salutation: Señor Presidente / Dear President

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and to diplomatic representatives of Cuba accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 February 1993.