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Further information on UA 139/93 (AMR 36/15/93, 28 April 1993 and follow-up AMR 36/16/93, 4 May 1993) - Ill-treatment/Prisoner of Conscience

HAITI:Cajuste LEXIUS, Secretary General of Centrale Générale de Travailleurs (CGT), General Workers' Union

Phabonor ST. VIL, Secretary of CGT

Saveur AURÉLUS, member of CGT

Amnesty International has learned that Cajuste Lexius (also reported as Lexiuste), Secretary General of the Centrale Générale de Travailleurs (CGT), General Workers' Union, was finally released from military hospital on 21 May 1993. Phabonor St. Vil and Saveur Auréelus were released on 29 April 1993, as reported in the previous follow-up of 4 May 1993. All three are said to be in need of medical attention because of the ill-treatment they received from the security forces.

Cajuste Lexius is apparently in a delicate condition. While in military custody he is reported to have suffered kidney failure and was put on dialysis. His buttocks are said to be covered in open sores as a result of the beatings he received. It has also been reported that documents belonging to him, including his passport, which were taken at the time of his arrest, have not been returned to him.

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

- welcoming the release of Cajuste Lexius from military custody as well as the prior release of Phabonor St. Vil and Saveur Auréelus but expressing concern at reports that they have been subjected to ill-treatment by the security forces;
- urging that they be given adequate medical care from the doctor of their choice;
- expressing concern that Cajuste Lexius needed to be hospitalised during his detention and demanding that if the medical care he needs is not available in Haiti, that he be allowed to travel abroad to receive this medical treatment;
- requesting that documents taken from him including his passport be returned to him;
- calling for an investigation into the alleged ill-treatment of all three trade unionists and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prime Minister:

Monsieur Marc BAZIN
Premier Ministre
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Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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Salutation: Monsieur le Premier Ministre / Dear Prime Minister

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2) Military commander of the Armed Forces:

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Salutation: Monsieur le Général / Dear General

3) Chief of National Police:

Monsieur le Lt.Colonel Michel FRANÇOIS
Chef de la Police Nationale
Grand Quartier Général de la Police
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Telegrams: Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel

4) Head of Anti-gang Investigation Service:

Monsieur le Capitaine
Joanis JACKSON
Chef du Service d'investigation et de recherches anti-gang
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Telegrams: Chef du Service d'investigation anti-gang, Port-au-Prince,
Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Capitaine / Dear Captain

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Organization:

Commission de l'Ogith des Droits Humains et Syndicaux (CODDHUS)
Route de Delmas et Delmas 11
No. 121 bis, 2ème étage
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Newspaper (weekly):

Haiti en Marche
173 N.W. 94 St.
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and to diplomatic representatives of HAITI accredited to your country.

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