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Further information on UA 177/00 (AMR 41/30/00, 23 June 2000) - Fear for safety/death threats/Ill-treatment/Possible "disappearance" (new concern)

MEXICO Eliud OSIEL also known as Eliud ALMAGUER

New names

Luisa Estela ALVAREZ MORENO [f]
Isabel TORRES ALAMEDA [f]
María del Refugio GUZMAN FLORES [f]
Margarita RINCON [f]
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Marta VARGAS PEREA [f]
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Elvira MEZA MALDONADO [f]

Amnesty International is concerned about the possible "disappearance" of Eliud Almaguer, a worker's leader at the Duro Bag Manufacturing plant in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas state. Eliud Almaguer (referred to as Eliud OSIEL in UA 177/00, AMR 41/30/00, 23 June 2000) had been scheduled to present a complaint ("denuncia") about police attacks against his striking co-workers, in Tijuana, Baja California, but has not been seen since he left Rio Bravo on the night of 22 June 2000.

Fellow trade unionists regularly in contact with Eliud Almaguer about the incidents at the Duro Bag Manufacturing plant have been unable to contact him since his departure. Workers at the Duro Bag plant believe that the authorities could have learned of Eliud Almaguer's travel plans by intercepting their telephone calls.

Amnesty International has also received written summaries of tape-recorded testimonies provided by the 10 women workers listed above, all of whom claim to have been ill-treated by members of the security forces on 19 June, the day of the Duro Bag plant strike. Workers from the plant, most of whom are women, were protesting about their working conditions and the refusal of the plant managers to recognize their union. The testimonies include information about state police forces pointing firearms at the strikers and using weapons to beat them.

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

- expressing concern at the possible "disappearance" of Eliud Almaguer (also known as Eliud Osiel), a worker's leader at the Duro Bags Manufacturing plant in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas state, and calling for a prompt and independent investigation into his whereabouts;
- expressing concern about the claims made by the ten women workers listed above (name some or all of them) that they were beaten by members of the security forces on 19 June while on strike outside the Duro Bag Manufacturing plant in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas state;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that the Mexican security forces at all times and in all circumstances be guided by the 1979 *United Nations (UN) Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials* and the 1990 *UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials*.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

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