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Further information (2) on UA 98/87 (AMR 46/11/97, 11 April 1997) and follow-up (AMR 46/13/97, 14 April) - Torture / Fear for safety / Possible death in custody and new concern: Fear of abduction

PERU Leonor La Rosa Bustamante (f) army intelligence agent

Amnesty International has learned that, in a letter written by Leonor La Rosa Bustamante to César Hildebrandt, director of *En Persona*, a television program broadcast in Peru, Leonor La Rosa informs him that she fears for her life.

According to reports, in the letter, read out by César Hildebrandt on Peruvian television on the night of 14 May 1997, Leonor La Rosa writes about an attempt, by people claiming to be attached to the *Consejo Supremo de Justicia Militar (CSJM)*, Supreme Council of Military Justice, to take her away from the *Hospital Militar*, Military Hospital, in Lima, the capital. Leonor La Rosa is currently recovering from the effects of torture she suffered at the hands of members of the *Servicio de Inteligencia del Ejército, SIE*, Army Intelligence Service in January and February 1997.

Amnesty International does not know precisely when this apparent abduction attempt was made, but understands that it was only a few days ago. The people seeking to take her away informed her that she was required by the CSJM to answer to inquiries being made about her torture. She refused to accompany them.

According to the reports, the CSJM has subsequently issued a statement that there had been no order issued to bring Leonor La Rosa before an inquiry.

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

- expressing concern that there has been an apparent attempt to abduct Leonor La Rosa Bustamante from the *Hospital Militar*, Military hospital, where she is recovering from the effects of her torture in January and February 1997;
- requesting that all the necessary steps be taken to ensure the safety of Leonor La Rosa, including any attempts to have her removed from the Military Hospital without the presence of her lawyer and members of her family;
- reiterating the call for Leonor La Rosa Bustamante to be transferred to a civilian hospital and to be offered all the guarantees for her physical and psychological safety.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 July 1997.