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Further information on UA 150/95 (ASA 17/43/95, 28 June 1995) and follow-ups (ASA 17/48/95, 12 July, ASA 17/50/95, 27 July) - Arbitrary arrest / Fear for safety

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA Hongda Harry Wu, aged 58, human rights activist

Harry Wu was sentenced on 24 August 1995 to 15 years' imprisonment by the Wuhan city Intermediate People's Court for "stealing state secrets" and "posing as a state functionary". The court also sentenced him to expulsion from China. Court officials said that his expulsion would depend on his "attitude and behaviour", but Harry Wu's lawyer said on Thursday that he thought the expulsion could happen before the end of August. The lawyer also said that Wu is in good spirits and in good health, but his wife is said to have serious concerns about a back problem for which he needs medical attention.

Wu is reported to have been represented by two lawyers, and a US diplomatic representative was present during the four-hour trial. He was convicted on two charges, one receiving a 13-year sentence, the other 3 years which were amalgamated into 15 years' in total and he is reported to have waived his right to appeal against the sentence.

Ching Lee Wu, Harry Wu's wife, issued a statement today saying "we continue to believe that it would be in the best interests of China, the United States and Harry that he be expelled immediately and return home."

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters in English or Chinese or in your own language:**

- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Hongda Harry Wu;
- urging that he receive medical attention and that, while in detention, he be treated in accordance with international standards for the treatment of prisoners and protected from all forms of ill-treatment.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 October 1995.