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Further information on EXTRA 76/92 (ASA 19/01/92, 4 September 1992) -  
Fear of forcible return (refoulement)

HONG KONG: LIU Yijun, female, former journalist and editor, poet  
LIN Lin, female, computer programmer

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Lawyers acting on behalf of Liu Yijun and Lin Lin lodged an application for a judicial review of the Hong Kong immigration department's decision to remove them. However, before the court could hear the application on 16 September 1992, Lin Yijun and Lin Lin were accepted for resettlement by the Canadian authorities and are reportedly now on their way to Canada.

Amnesty International welcomes this development, although it remains concerned that, as illustrated by this case, the procedures followed in Hong Kong with respect to Chinese asylum-seekers do not contain all the safeguards necessary for a fair asylum procedure. In particular, the authorities do not, so far as Amnesty International is aware, give reasons why they have rejected Chinese asylum-seekers' requests for protection, which means that it is not possible effectively to appeal against the decision.

No further action is required on this case. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on their behalf.