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Further information on EXTRA 116/95 (EUR 44/104/95, 29 September 1995) - Fear of Torture

TURKEY Ismet Çelikaslan (f), Mersin Provincial Board member of HADEP (People's Democracy Party)

Ismet Çelikaslan was formally arrested on 2 October, charged with support of an illegal organization, and committed to prison. She is currently held in Konya prison awaiting trial. Ismet Çelikaslan had been detained in Mersin on 27 September, shortly after appearing on television to publicise the alleged rape of her daughter Leman Çelikaslan in police custody in Ankara.

While she herself was held incommunicado in police custody, Ismet Çelikaslan was reportedly interrogated about her activities for HADEP, a legal political party with a predominantly Kurdish membership which works for the civil and political rights of the Kurdish minority.

When Ismet Çelikaslan was seen by one of her lawyers in hospital following interrogation, she was unable to walk unaided. She kept holding her kidneys and reportedly looked very yellow in the face. She said that she had been tortured by electric shocks through her hands and feet, by beatings and by being hosed with pressurized cold water. She said that there had been bruising on her arms, but any visible signs of torture had since disappeared. No medical report had been issued on her condition.

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

- expressing concern about the reported torture of Ismet Çelikaslan while in police custody in Mersin between 27 September and 2 October;
- urging that a prompt, impartial and thorough investigation into her allegations be conducted and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- requesting to be informed of the outcome of this investigation;
- appealing that Ismet Çelikaslan be given all medical attention she may still require.

APPEALS TO:

1. Minister of the Interior:

Mr Nahit Mente_e
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Ankara, Turkey

Telegrams: Interior Minister, Ankara, Turkey

Faxes: +90 312 418 1795

Salutation: Dear Minister

2. Mersin State Prosecutor:

Cumhuriyet Ba_savc_s_
Mr Osman Homurlu
Hükümet Kona__
Mersin, Turkey

Telegrams: Cumhuriyet Bassavcısı, Mersin, Turkey

Salutation: Dear Sir

COPIES TO:

President of the Parliamentary Human Rights Commission:

Mr Sabri Yavuz

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and to diplomatic representatives of Turkey accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 November 1995.