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Further information on UA 69/94 (MDE 30/06/94, 22 February 1994) - Health Concern / Torture

TUNISIA: Hamma HAMMAMI, member of the unauthorized *Parti communiste des ouvriers tunisiens (PCOT)*, Tunisian Workers' Communist Party

Amnesty International remains concerned about the health of Hamma Hammami who was arrested on 14 February 1994 and subsequently tortured and ill-treated. He has still not received a medical examination following his alleged torture. Amnesty International is concerned that when or if he eventually receives the examination the physical traces of his alleged torture may have disappeared.

The organization is also concerned that the family of Hamma Hammami has not been allowed to provide him with the medicines that he needs for his heart condition and his kidney stones and that he still being held in overcrowded and insanitary conditions in Sousse prison.

Hamma Hammami was due to be tried in the Sousse Court of First Instance on 23 February 1994 on charges including assaulting a policeman but his trial has now been postponed to 16 March 1994. He is now also due to be tried *in absentia* in the Gabès Court on 17 March 1994 for being a member of an illegal party and attending unauthorized meetings and distributing leaflets of the PCOT.

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

- expressing concern that Hamma Hammami is still being denied adequate medical care, and urging that he be given immediate medical treatment as necessary;
- expressing concern that despite repeated requests made by his lawyers and family he has still not received the medical examination to which he is entitled, under both Tunisian law and international standards, and stressing that when or if he is eventually examined the physical traces of his alleged torture may have disappeared;
- urging that he be allowed to attend his trial in Gabès Court on 17 March 1994 in person.

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