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The Chadian authorities announced on 24 January 1992 the release of all political prisoners including the 15 mentioned above who were arrested between 8 and 11 January 1992 in the Chadian capital, N'Djamena. The authorities claimed that those arrested in early January 1992 were

supporters either of rebels who carried out a violent attack on the Lake Chad region in the West of the country at the end of December and at the beginning of January 1992, or of an alleged coup attempt which took place on 13 October 1991. The authorities did not make public the identities or numbers of those released.

None of those arrested in January 1992 are known to have been charged with any specific offences. However, the authorities had said before they announced the releases that all those detained would be brought to trial.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters, in FRENCH if possible:

- welcoming the release of political prisoners, including alleged supporters of rebels who carried out an armed attack on the Lake Chad region in the west of the country or of an alleged coup attempt on 13 October 1991 and asking the authorities to reveal the identities of all those released;

- expressing concern about reports that most of those arrested in January 1992 are members of the Rassemblement pour la démocratie et le progrès (RDP), Rally for Democracy and Progress, and that they appeared to have been targeted for arrest because of their peaceful opposition to the government and in the absence of substantial evidence that they had committed any offences;

- seeking assurances that opponents of the government and others in Chad will no longer be arrested or subjected to other forms of human rights violations solely on account of their peaceful opposition to the government.

APPEALS TO:

1) President:

Son Excellence Général Idriss DEBY

Président de la République du Tchad

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Faxes: + 235 51 4501
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2) Prime Minister:

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3) Minister of Justice:

Monsieur Youssouf TOGOIMI
Ministre de la Justice et Garde des Sceaux
Ministère de la Justice
N'DJAMENA, République du Tchad
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Telexes: c/o 5328 MINAFFET KD
Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre / Dear Minister

4) Minister of the Interior:

Monsieur Ahmat Hassaballah SOUBIANE
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and to diplomatic representatives of Chad in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 March 1992.