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EQUATORIAL GUINEA Aguado Ndong Nguema

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Amnesty International has growing fears for the safety of opposition activists in Equatorial Guinea following the killing of Aguado Ndong Nguema on 29 September 1994. Aguado Nguema was killed by a member of the security forces in Mosok, Niefang district, in the mainland region of Río Muni. According to unconfirmed reports, a group of security personnel was sent to Mosok to arrest those who refused to give their personal details to census officers. Apparently Aguado Nguema, who resisted arrest, was shot dead by one of the soldiers.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tension has been mounting in Equatorial Guinea in recent weeks after the authorities started to compile a population census. In June 1994 the government had agreed to compile an electoral census prior to the municipal elections which are expected to be held at the end of this year. The government agreed to hold a population census at a later date. Opposition parties have called for a boycott of the population census currently underway, on the grounds that it broke the June 1994 agreement.

Since the compilation of the census started, scores of people suspected of opposing the population census, including members of political parties, have been arrested and ill-treated in several parts of Río Muni.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters either in Spanish, English or in your own language:

- expressing concern about reports that Aguado Nguema was deliberately killed by security personnel in Mosok on 29 September 1994, when they were conducting arrests of persons boycotting the population census;
- demanding a full and public judicial inquiry into this death and urging that those responsible be brought to justice and the family of the victim compensated;
- urging the authorities to take immediate action to end the abuses of power by members of the security forces by legislating to regulate the functions and powers of the security forces and make each officer accountable before the law;
- expressing concern about the arbitrary arrests and ill-treatment of people who peacefully oppose government policies, and calling for any who may still be detained to be released immediately.

#### APPEALS TO

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**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Equatorial Guinea accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 14 November 1994