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Further information on UA 408/90 (AFR 32/30/90, 10 October 1990) and follow-ups AFR 32/34/90 (24 October), AFR 32/38/90 (9 November) and AFR 32/01/91 (15 January 1991) - Fear of Torture/Legal Concern

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No date has yet been set for the treason trial of the above-named eight prisoners who have now been allowed to have legal representation and family visits. The trial will probably be starting in a few months' time and last for several months.

Koigi wa Wamwere filed an affidavit on 17 December 1990 alleging that he had been kidnapped in Uganda by Kenyan security officers, drugged and forcibly brought back to Kenya. He also alleged that he had been tortured. The High Court dismissed his case and awarded costs against him. It did not inquire into the torture allegations.

No further action is required from UA participants at this stage. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation and will send a trial observer if possible. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.