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Further Information on UA 361/03 (AFR 41/002/2003, 10 December 2003) Torture or ill-treatment/medical concern/prison conditions

MOZAMBIQUE **Mamade Assif Abdul Satar (m)**
 Ayob Abdul Satar (m)
 Vicente Narotam Ramaya (m)
 Carlitos Cassamo (m)
 Manuel Fernandes (m)
 Anibal dos Santos Júnior (m)

Amnesty International has confirmed that the prisoners named above had their shackles removed after the Attorney General, Joaquim Luis Madeira, and a representative of the *Liga Moçambicana dos Direitos Humanos* (LMDH), Mozambique Human Rights League, visited the prison on 10 December. The prisoners had spent four days and nights with their ankles shackled or chained together. The Attorney General subsequently told journalists that there were no legal grounds for such security measures.

Many Thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible, please send a final round of appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Portuguese or your own language:

- welcoming the prompt action of the Attorney General and the Mozambique Human Rights League;
- urging that prison staff should receive clear instructions concerning the proper use of legitimate measures of restraint. They should also be made aware that they may not invoke superior orders or exceptional circumstances to justify any action which amounts to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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Exmo. Sr. Dr. Joaquim Luis Madeira

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.