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EXTRA 99/99 Fear of ill-treatment / Fear of extradition /
Fear of "Disappearance" and extrajudicial execution

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SUDAN/CHADSouleymane Garfa] reportedly members of a Chadian armed
Ahmadaï Sabre] opposition group, the *Alliance*
Sileck Sagga] *Nationale pour la Résistance, National Alliance for Resistance*

Chadian nationals Souleymane Garfa, Ahmadaï Sabre and Sileck Sagga, who were arrested in Sudan on 27 July 1999, may be at risk of deportation to Chad where they would be in danger of "disappearance" or extrajudicial execution.

Amnesty International is also concerned that Sileck Sagga has reportedly been ill-treated by the Sudanese security forces.

The men, reportedly members of the *Alliance nationale pour la Résistance* (ANR), National Alliance for Resistance, were arrested by Sudanese security forces in El Djenenah, Sudan, an area currently under state of emergency close to the Chad border.

Souleymane Garfa, the younger brother of ANR president Colonel Garfa, may be particularly at risk of deportation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The government of President Idriss Déby in Chad faces continued sporadic opposition from a number of armed opposition groups. Some members and supporters of these groups are now in exile in neighbouring countries. On a number of occasions Chadian nationals believed to be members of armed opposition groups have been forcibly returned to Chad from neighbouring countries, including Sudan. On their return they have faced arrest, torture, extrajudicial execution or "disappearance". Such deportations have taken place without any judicial or other extradition procedures, in contravention of the principle set out in the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, the United Nations Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions.

In August 1996, four members of a Chadian armed opposition group, *Armée nationale tchadienne en dissidence* (ANT/D), Dissident National Chadian Army, part of the ANR, "disappeared" in Chad shortly after being deported from Sudan.

In 1998, Amnesty International expressed concern for the safety of three ANR members arrested in Sudan, who were later released.

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

- expressing concern that the men named above may be imminently deported to Chad, where they would be in danger of "disappearance" or extrajudicial execution by the Chadian security forces;
- urging the Sudanese authorities not to deport them and reminding them of their obligations not to return people to a country where they may be at risk of human rights violations;
- expressing concern at reports that Sileck Sagga may have been ill-treated by police in El Djenena;
- asking for this allegation to be investigated and seeking assurances that the safety of all the detainees is protected;
- asking the authorities to grant them immediate access to medical care, legal assistance and to visitors.

APPEALS TO (please note that fax tones to Sudan can be difficult to obtain):

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and to diplomatic representatives of SUDAN/CHAD accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 31 August 1999.