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Further information on UA 164/97 (AFR 62/16/97, 6 June 1997)

- "disappearance"/fear for safety

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO Jonas Mukamba Kadiata, diamond company director
Kumbu Kumbel, political activist

Confirmation has been received that Kumbu Kumbel was released from detention in Lubumbashi on or around 6 June 1997. His place of detention and the reasons for his arrest remain unclear. Appeals of behalf of Kumbu Kumbel can now cease.

There is no further information on the case of Jonas Mukamba Kadiata.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/courier/express/airmail letters in English/French or in your own language:

- calling for the current whereabouts of Jonas Mukamba Kadiata and the reasons for his arrests to be made public immediately;
- seeking assurances that he is not being ill-treated and urging that he be allowed immediate and continuing access to relatives, legal counsel, representatives of humanitarian organizations, and independent medical care;
- urging that if he is not to be promptly charged with recognizable criminal offences, he be released immediately and unconditionally;
- urging the authorities to ensure that humanitarian organizations, such as the Red Cross, have full access to all detainees and detention centres.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Monsieur le Président de la République

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Ministre de la Justice

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and to diplomatic representatives of the Democratic Republic of Congo accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 23 July 1997.