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Further information on UA 64/93 (AFR 63/01/93, 9 March 1993) and follow-ups AFR 63/02/93 of 19 March 1993, AFR 63/03/93 of 23 March 1993 and AFR 63/05/93 of 28 April 1993 - Legal Concern

ZAMBIA:

Bweendo Mulengela

Bonnie Tembo

Peter Lishika

Christopher Muyoka

Wezi Kaunda

Steven Moyo - released

Sianda Ilukena - released

Cuthbert Nguni

Henry Kamima

and new name: Lemmy Suwisha

Amnesty International has learned that seven of the detainees named above, who were detained on 5 and 7 March 1993, had their detention orders revoked and were released on 21 May 1993. They were immediately rearrested and charged with offences including treason felony and sedition. Another detainee, Lemmy Suwisha, who was also arrested in early March 1993, has been charged with sedition. These eight individuals have been released on bail.

Wezi Kaunda, Cuthbert Nguni and Bonnie Tembo have been charged with treason felony which in Zambia carries a maximum prison sentence of 20 years' imprisonment. Henry Kamina and Christopher Muyoka have been charged with "retaining classified official documents without authority". Lemmy Suwisha, has been charged with "communicating classified official documents" and Bweendo Mulengela and Peter Lishika with possession of seditious publications. The hearing of the cases is due to begin on 21 June 1993.

Stephen Moyo, Sianda Ilukena and nine others detained in connection with the alleged UNIP plot have been released without charge.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of 11 of the detainees arrested in connection with the alleged UNIP plot;
- expressing concern at the re-arrest of eight of the detainees on 21 May 1993 and the bringing of new charges against them;
- urging that their trial be prompt and conducted in strict accordance with international standards relating to fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

1) His Excellency Frederick Chiluba
President of the Republic of Zambia
Office of the President
State House
PO Box 30208
Lusaka, Zambia
Telegrams: President Chiluba, Lusaka, Zambia
Telexes: 41998 or 41460

Salutation: Your Excellency

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2) The Hon. Newstead Zimba
Minister of Home Affairs
Ministry of Home Affairs
PO Box 32862
Lusaka, Zambia
Telegrams: Hon. Newstead Zimba, Minister of Home Affairs, Lusaka, Zambia
Telexes: 40344

Salutation: Dear Minister

3) The Hon. Vernon Mwaanga
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Charter House
PO Box 50069
Lusaka, Zambia
Telegrams: Hon. Vernon Mwaanga, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lusaka, Zambia
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Salutation: Dear Minister

4) The Hon. L. Sondashi
Minister of Legal Affairs
Ministry of Legal Affairs
PO Box 50106
Fairley Rd
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Telegrams: Hon. L Sondashi, Minister of Legal Affairs, Lusaka, Zambia
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Salutation: Dear Minister

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the following newspapers:

The Editor
Weekly Post
Private Bag EF 352
Lusaka, Zambia

The Editor
The Times of Zambia
PO Box 30394
Lusaka, Zambia

and to diplomatic representatives of Zambia accredited to your country.

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