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Further information on UA 265/99 (AMR 13/03/39, 6 October 1999) - Fear for Safety/ death threats

ARGENTINA Hebe BONAFINI, President of the human rights organisation *Asociación Madres de Plaza de Mayo*
And members of *Asociación Madres de Plaza de Mayo*

There have been no further reports of threats or intimidation against Sra. Hebe Bonafini or other members of the human rights organisation *Asociación Madres de Plaza de Mayo*, the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo.

In September 1999, threatening graffiti was painted on the organization's headquarters and bookshop, and the group received threatening phone calls and an e-mail claiming responsibility for the graffiti, apparently from a right-wing extremist group.

On 27 October, Sra. Bonafini, as President of the organization, wrote to Amnesty International to thank the organization for campaigning on their behalf. In the letter she restated the *Asociación Madres de Plaza de Mayo*'s commitment to their struggle, which has now lasted more than 22 years, and their determination to continue their work on behalf of the "disappeared".

Amnesty International will continue to monitor closely the situation of human rights defenders in Argentina.

No further action is requested. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.