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**BRAZIL: Juvêncio MAZZAROLLO**

Juvêncio Mazzarollo, a journalist who was serving a four year prison sentence under Articles 42 and 33 of the (unamended) Law of National Security, was released from detention in Curitiba on 6 April 1984.

The release of Juvêncio Mazzarollo followed a review of his case before the Superior Federal Tribunal. Amendments to the Law of National Security approved by the Brazilian Congress in December 1983 have reduced both the number of offences and the penalties under this legislation. Cases involving abuse of press freedom and defamation of government officials (for which Juvêncio Mazzarollo was sentenced) are no longer dealt with under the Law of National Security in a military court but are heard before civil courts. The Superior Federal Tribunal imposed a sentence of two months and 20 days under Article 22 of the Press Law. Since Juvêncio Mazzarollo had been in detention since September 1983, he was released immediately.

Juvêncio Mazzarollo had been adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience. He had recently staged a hunger-strike in protest at his continued detention.

No further action by Urgent Action participants is requested.

*Thank you to all those who appealed on behalf of Juvêncio Mazzarollo.*