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Further information on UA 359/92 (AMR 29/10/92, 17 November 1992) -
Legal/Medical Concern

EL SALVADOR: Adolfo AGUILAR PAYÉS, sociology student

Amnesty International has learned that Adolfo Aguilar Payés, a political prisoner on hunger strike since mid-October, has been transferred to hospital under prison guard and is receiving adequate medical attention. He is also allowed visits from his lawyer and relatives.

He is on hunger strike to protest having been held for more than three years without trial. He was arrested and tortured by Treasury Police in July 1989, accused of the murder of two members of a right-wing group. The only evidence against him appears to be an extrajudicial statement drawn up by the Treasury Police.

Amnesty International has learned that the judge has called for the jury trial to commence on 24 November 1992.

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

- expressing concern that Adolfo Aguilar Payés has been held without trial since 1989 and noting that he has been on hunger strike since mid-October 1992;
- noting that he has been transferred to hospital and requesting information about his current medical state;
- urging that he be given a prompt and impartial trial in accordance with internationally-recognized standards;
- expressing concern that the only evidence against him appears to be an extrajudicial statement which he was forced to sign without being able to read it;
- requesting full investigations into his allegations of torture and reported irregularities in the legal proceedings against him.

APPEALS TO

1) Justice Minister:
Dr. René Hernández Valiente

Ministro de Justicia
Ministerio de Justicia
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San Salvador
El Salvador

Telegrams: Ministro Justicia, San Salvador El Salvador
Faxes: + 503 232611

Salutation: Sr. Ministro / Dear Minister

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2) Procurator for Human Rights:

Dr. Carlos Molina Fonseca
Procurador para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos
San Salvador
El Salvador

Telegrams: Procurador de DDHH, San Salvador, El Salvador
Faxes: + 503 712886

Salutation: Sr. Procurador / Dear Dr. Fonseca

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Organization:

Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador (CDHES)
Urbanización La Esperanza
Pasaje 1, No 119
San Salvador, El Salvador

Faxes: + 503 259906

and to diplomatic representatives of EL SALVADOR accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 January 1992.