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Further information on UA 314/91 (AMR 29/10/91, 20 September 1991) - Death Threats/Harassment

EL SALVADOR:Mirtala LOPEZ

Amnesty International is extremely concerned for the safety of Mirtala López of the **Comité Cristiano pro Desplazados de El Salvador (CRIPDES)**, the Christian Committee for the Displaced of El Salvador, as she has received another letter threatening her with death from the **Frente Anticomunista Salvadoreño (FAS)**, the Salvadorian Anti-Communist Front.

At 5.30am on 24 September 1991, several vehicles surrounded the CRIPDES office in San Salvador and unidentified individuals left the letter under the main door, together with a blood-stained candle with the message "FAS, the time has come" (Tr: "FAS, es hora"). The note was also sent by fax to the CRIPDES offices. The letter reads:

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM FAS:

Victory, September 24, 1991

*Terrorist
Mirtala López*

THE SALVADORIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST FRONT, will fulfill its mission.

*No to the vagrants who lend themselves to the terrorism of the FMLN.
No to the disorder in the streets caused by the front organizations.
We will eliminate all delinquent ringleaders.*

We are only a few hours away from the demonstration to our beloved people that our FRONT fulfills its word and makes justice prevail against terrorism.

Don't try to run, our arms are aimed at YOUR BODY: THEY ARE DRIPPING WITH THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS FROM YOUR VEINS. Day after day, hour after hour, second after second our victory draws near. WE WILL FULFILL OUR PROMISE.

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Mirtala López had previously received two letters from the FAS on 12 and 18 September accusing her of being a "terrorist leader" and threatening to kill her. CRIPDES and other human rights groups requested a meeting with the Attorney General's Office (Fiscalía General) to request that it carry out a thorough investigation into the threats. Amnesty International is extremely concerned

for her safety.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Telegrams/Telexes/Faxes/Express and Airmail Letters:

- mentioning that you are extremely concerned that Mirtala López of CRIPDES, has received three written death threats from the FAS since early September;
- saying that these threats appear to be part of a pattern of harassment and intimidation of human rights workers by unidentified individuals and uniformed members of the National Police;
- asking what steps the government is taking to investigate these threats and to identify and bring to justice those found to be responsible;
- urging that immediate measures be taken to ensure that Mirtala López and other Salvadorian human rights workers are able to carry out their work without threat to their physical security.

APPEALS TO:

1.

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2.

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and to diplomatic representatives of El Salvador in your
country.

ORIGINAL SPANISH LETTER FROM FAS

Victoria, 24 de septiembre de 1991

*Terrorista,
Mirtala López*

El FRENTE ANTICOMUNISTA SALVADOREÑO cumple con su misión.

*No a los vagos que se prestan al terrorismo del FMLN.
No a los desordenes callejeros de las organizaciones de fachada.
Los cabecillas delincuentes los eliminaremos a todos.*

*Estamos a pocas horas para la gran demostración a nuestro querido pueblo que nuestro FRENTE
cumple y hace prevalecer la justicia contra el terror.*

*No huyas, nuestras armas están sobre TU CUERPO: ESTILAN SANGRE EXPULSADA POR TUS VENAS. Día
tras día, hora tras hora, segundo a segundo, la victoria está por llegar. NOSOTROS SI VAMOS
A CUMPLIR.*

1991 AÑO DE LA VERDAD

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat
or your section office if sending appeals after 7 November 1991.