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Further Information on UA 259/06 (AMR 36/013/2006, 28 September 2006) Fear for safety/Death threats

HAITI **Evel Fanfan (m), human rights lawyer and President of the Association of University Graduates Motivated for a Haiti with Rights (*Association des Universitaires Motivés pour un Haïti de Droit* - AUMOHD)**
Cenia Joseph (f), his wife, and their two children
Colin Reginal (m), Deputy Executive Secretary of AUMOHD
Other members of AUMOHD
Members of the Grand Ravine Community Council for Human Rights (*Conseil Communautaire de Droits Humains de Grand Ravine* –CCDH-GR)

New name: Montes Plaisimé (m), Public Relations Officer of AUMOHD

Human rights lawyer Evel Fanfan and his family have suffered further intimidation and harassment. Amnesty International is seriously concerned that their lives continue to be at risk and believes that they are not receiving sufficient support and protection from the Haitian National Police. Other members of his organization, the Association of University Graduates Motivated for a Haiti with Rights (*Association des Universitaires Motivés pour un Haïti de Droit* - AUMOHD) may also be in serious danger.

On 14 October at 10am a brown Jeep-style vehicle with blacked-out windows and no license plates was parked outside the AUMOHD office. The windows were wound down and four unknown individuals wearing dark glasses could be seen observing the AUMOHD office. The AUMOHD staff contacted the Haitian police but reportedly no action was taken. The same vehicle had passed slowly by the office on several occasions on 7 October just before midday.

Evel Fanfan's family have also been subjected to intimidation. On 28 September an unknown individual went to his seven-year-old son's school, apparently with the intention of abducting the boy.

Colin Reginal, the Deputy Executive Secretary of AUMOHD, and Montes Plaisimé, the organization's Public Relations Officer, may also be at risk as they have been directly involved in judicial proceedings concerning massacres in the neighbourhoods of Martissant and Grand Ravine, allegedly perpetrated by an armed group with the help of police officers. Human rights activist Bruner Esterne was murdered on 21 September, apparently because he was an eyewitness to one of these massacres (please see original UA).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in French, English or your own language:

- expressing concern at these recent acts of intimidation against Evel Fanfan and his family, and of other members of AUMOHD;
- urging the authorities to immediately provide them and their families with adequate protection, and to guarantee their safety according to their wishes;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the death threats and intimidation against Evel Fanfan and AUMOHD, to make the results public and bring those responsible to justice;
- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the murder of Bruner Esterne, to make the results public and bring those responsible to justice.

- calling on the authorities to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the killings and arson attacks of 20-21 August 2005 and 6 July 2006 in Martissant and Grand Ravine; to make the results public and bring those responsible to justice;
- reminding the authorities that the UN Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities of Individuals, Groups and Institutions to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Liberties recognizes the legitimacy of the activities of human rights defenders and their right to carry out their activities without any fear of reprisals.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Monsieur le Directeur Général/Dear Mr. Andresol

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Salutation: Dear Special Representative Mulet

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and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 November 2006.