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HAITI: Jacques DERENONCOURT, engineer
and other members of Comité National des Congrès des Mouvements
Démocratiques (KONAKOM), National Committee of Congress of
Democratic Movements

Amnesty International is concerned at the reported killing of Jacques Derenoncourt, who was reportedly abducted on 2 December in Port-au-Prince and found dead the day after.

Jacques Derenoncourt, an active member of Comité National des Congrès des Mouvements Démocratiques (KONAKOM), National Committee of Congress of Democratic Movements, was reportedly abducted on 2 December at about 2pm by unidentified armed men wearing civilian clothes. The following day his body was reportedly found dead inside his car in a road north of Port-au-Prince. He had been given a *coup de grâce* (a finishing shot to the head).

Amnesty International believes that from the manner the abduction and the killing were carried out, members of the security force or those working with them may have been responsible.

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the security of other KONAKOM members, in view of the recent wave of attacks against them.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since the 1991 coup members of KONAKOM have been the target of threats and intimidation. On 22 November 1992 Wesner Luc and Justin Brézil were reportedly abducted by armed men. The following day Wesner Luc was found dead in what Amnesty International believes to be an extrajudicial execution (see UA 372/92, AMR 36/53/92, dated 27 November 1992). Justin Brézil remains "disappeared". On 3 September 1992 Marcel Fleurzile, peasant leader and member of KONAKOM, was reportedly killed by unidentified men and his body found near the KONAKOM offices (see UA 289/92, AMR 36/47/92, dated 11 September 1992).

Troops violently overthrew the democratically elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who took office in Haiti on 7 February 1991, in a coup on the night of 29 to 30 September 1991. Since then Amnesty International has learned of widespread human rights violations committed by the security forces, including a large number of extrajudicial executions, torture and ill-treatment and mass arrests without warrant. Several of those detained by the authorities remain "disappeared". These abuses have been carried out by uniformed security force agents or, on some occasions, by men in civilian clothes ostensibly linked to them.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

either in French, English or in your own language:

- expressing concern for the killing of Jacques Derenoncourt in circumstances suggesting the involvement of the security forces;

- asking for a thorough investigation into his abduction and killing, that the results of the investigation be made public and those found to be responsible be brought to justice;

- urging that all adequate measures be taken to guarantee the safety of other members of KONAKOM.

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