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Further information on UA 172/97 (AMR 41/42/97, 13 June 1997) - Fear for safety/ Ill treatment and new concern: Torture

MEXICO Gloria Roque Bautista (19), peasant activist, human rights defender  
Rocío Mesino Mesino, peasant activist, human rights defender  
Members of UOSS peasant organisation

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On 15 September 1997, two members of the Mexican armed forces raped and tortured Gloria Roque Bautista in the town of Chilpancingo, Guerrero State. The men were allegedly trying to force information from her about the political activities of the leaders of the *Unión de Organizaciones de la Sierra del Sur* (UOSS), Southern Sierra Union Organisation, a peasant organisation in Guerrero State. This included information about Rocío Mesino Mesino and Bertoldo Martínez Cruz (see FU EXTRA 91/96, AMR 41/26/96 11 June 1996).

In August, Gloria Roque Bautista received death threats from members of the security forces. This was after she had refused the offer of money in exchange for accusing Bertoldo Martínez Cruz of being a leader of the *Ejército Popular Revolucionario* (EPR), Popular Revolutionary Army, an armed opposition group operating in the region.

Amnesty International is gravely concerned for the safety of Gloria Roque Bautista, Rocío Mesino, and other leading members of the UOSS. The organization fears that they may continue to be the targets of intimidation and harassment by members of the security forces in Guerrero State

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:**

- expressing deep concern about the rape and torture of Gloria Roque Bautista by alleged members of the armed forces;
- calling for a prompt and thorough investigation into her rape and torture and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- calling for immediate and effective measures to be taken to guarantee the future safety and physical integrity of Gloria Roque Bautista and all members of the UOSS;
- expressing deep alarm at the continuing pattern of physical intimidation and threats by members of the security forces in Guerrero against members of the UOSS.

**APPEALS TO:**

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Chilpancingo, Guerrero, MEXICO

and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 November 1997.