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Further information on EXTRA 25/96 (AMR 44/01/96, 15 February 1996) - Fear of gross impunity / Legal concern

PANAMA Amnesty Law to be debated in Legislative Assembly

The third and crucial plenary session of the Panamanian Legislative Assembly to debate the draft Amnesty Law has just been postponed from 2 March 1996 to April 1996. This is reportedly due to the controversy provoked by the impending debate and the opposition to the draft law by some Panamanian non-governmental organizations, the church and the press.

Amnesty International's concerns have been widely reported in Panama and Latin America. Thank you to all who have sent appeals. If you have not already done so, please continue to send appeals as outlined in the original action.