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**UA 353/92 "Disappearance"/Fear of Torture/
Fear of Extrajudicial Execution**

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PERU: Miguel JUGO VIERA, human rights worker

Amnesty International is concerned about the reported abduction of human rights worker Miguel Jugo Viera and fears that he may be tortured, remain "disappeared" or be summarily executed.

According to reports, on the evening of 11 November 1992 Miguel Jugo was abducted in the city of Chiclayo, Chiclayo province, Lambayeque department, by unidentified armed men dressed in plain clothes. The reports indicate that, as he was walking past the "Trigal" bakery, Miguel Jugo was forced into a red Volkswagen bearing the number plate JG 1167. This took place in the presence of numerous witnesses. Peruvian human rights groups believe that the abduction was carried out by paramilitary agents thought to be working with the support or the connivance of the security forces.

Miguel Jugo is a member of staff of the Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos, APRODEH, Association For Human Rights, one of the main independent human rights organizations in Peru. He was in Chiclayo to investigate the detention of 10 peasant leaders involved in a land dispute.

A fellow human rights lawyer, who was in the city at the time and received the testimonies of witnesses to the abduction, visited local police stations in an effort to establish Miguel Jugo's whereabouts. The police denied that he was being detained.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Alberto Fujimori and his government assumed power on 28 July 1990. The government inherited a legacy of gross human rights violations dating back to January 1983, including thousands of cases of "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution. In his inaugural speech the President stated that his government would fully respect human rights. However, according to the cases documented by Amnesty International, between 28 July 1990 and 31 July 1992 some 566 people allegedly "disappeared" after arrest (426 remain unaccounted for and the bodies of 55 have been found) and 151 were extrajudicially executed. Dozens of cases of torture, death threats and attacks on human rights defenders, have also been documented by the organization since July 1990. During the past 12 months President Fujimori has reportedly criticized the activities of human rights organizations, accusing them of failing to condemn abuses perpetrated by the Partido Comunista del Perú, Sendero Luminoso, PCP, the Communist Party of Peru, Shining Path and the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, MRTA, Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

Human rights violations occur in the context of the government's counter-insurgency operations directed against the clandestine PCP, and the MRTA.

Amnesty International opposes the deliberate and arbitrary killing by the armed opposition of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the internal conflict, members of the security forces who have laid down their arms and those placed *hors de combat* by sickness, wounds, detention or any other cause.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters either in Spanish or in your own language:

- expressing concern at the reported "disappearance" of Miguel Jugo Viera, who worked for APRODEH;
- urging that his whereabouts and legal situation be immediately clarified and that his physical integrity be guaranteed;
- asking that he be brought before a judge and charged with a recognizable criminal offence or immediately released;
- asking that while in detention he be given access to an independent lawyer, a doctor, relatives and a representative of the Public Ministry.

APPEALS TO

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori
Presidente de la República

**Salutation: Señor Presidente /
Dear President**

Palacio de Gobierno
Plaza de Armas
Lima 1, PERU

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2) Minister of the Interior:

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Dear Minister**

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3) Attorney General:

Dra. Blanca Nélide Colán
Fiscal General de la Nación

**Salutation: Señora Fiscal General
de la Nación/**

Fiscalía General de la Nación
Edificio Torre de Lima, 7 piso
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Dear Attorney General

Telegrams: Fiscal de la Nación, Lima, Perú
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Human Rights Association:

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Jirón Pachacutec 980
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and to diplomatic representatives of Peru accredited to your country.

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