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Further information on UA 273/02 (ASA 17/043/2002, 2 September 2002) and follow-up (ASA 17/044/2002, 6 September 2002) - Possible disappearance/ Fear for safety/Incommunicado detention

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA Dr Wan Yanhai (m), aged 38

Dr Wan Yanhai was released on 20 September, reportedly after confessing to "illegally leaking state secrets" and agreeing to cooperate with police in the investigation. He said he was not harmed in detention and was in good health. The HIV/AIDS activist had gone missing around 24 August and was held in custody by the Chinese authorities from 25 August.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor his case closely. No further action by the Urgent Action network is required at present. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on Wan Yanhai's behalf.