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Further information on UA 88/98 (EUR 46/05/98, 18 March 1998) - Fear of forcible repatriation / Fear for safety

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION/GEORGIAGuram ABSANDZE
Nemo BURCHULADZE**

Guram Absandze was forcibly repatriated to Georgia early on 19 March 1998. No further details about his current situation are available at present.

In the light of persistent allegations of ill-treatment in detention in Georgia, Amnesty International is now calling on the Georgian authorities to guarantee the safety of Guram Absandze. The organization is also urging that he be granted prompt access to a defence lawyer of his own choice, and that all other procedures for a fair trial in line with international standards are adhered to.

Nemo Burchuladze is believed to have been released, but may still be in danger of extradition.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/ airmail letters in Russian, English or in your own language:

To the Russian authorities:

- expressing regret at the Russian authorities' forcible repatriation of Guram Absandze despite fears that he will suffer serious human rights violations in Georgia;
- reminding the Russian authorities of their obligations under international law, in particular under the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

To the Georgian authorities:

- urging the Georgian authorities to guarantee the safety of Guram Absandze and ensure that he is not submitted to torture or ill-treatment in detention
- urging that he be granted a fair trial in line with international standards.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 May 1998.