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Further information on UA 395/97 (MDE 15/106/97, 17 December 1997) - Fear of Torture / Legal Concern

ISRAEL/SOUTH LEBANON Ibrahim Iskander Abu Zayd ] brothers  
Bulus Iskander Abu Zayd ]  
Yvonne Swaydi (f) - wife of Bulus Iskander Abu Zayd

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It was recently discovered that Ibrahim Iskander Abu Zayd, Bulus Iskander Abu Zayd and Yvonne Swaydi are currently detained in Kishon Prison in Israel where they were transferred immediately subsequent to their arrest in South Lebanon.

It was initially believed they were being held in Khiam Detention Centre in South Lebanon.

They were, until recently, detained incommunicado and have reportedly been subjected to torture and ill-treatment under interrogation. Their interrogation is now over and the three detainees have been charged. They are expected to be tried in an Israeli military court.

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

- calling for an investigation into allegations that Ibrahim Iskander Abu Zayd, Bulus Iskander Abu Zayd and Yvonne Swaydi, have been tortured and ill-treated during interrogation;
- urging that they be granted immediate access to any medical attention they may require;
- calling for them to be tried according to international standards for fair trial.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 March 1998.