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Further Information on UA 287/06 (AFR 24/011/2006, 26 October 2006) Fear of torture or ill-treatment

EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Filemón Ondó (m) José Antonio Nguema (m) Florencio Ondó (m) Basilio Mayé (m)] Members of Progress Party of] Equatorial Guinea (<i>Partido del</i>] <i>Progreso de Guinea Ecuatorial</i> ,] PPGE)
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The four men named above were released from prison at 10am on 12 November 2006. They had been arrested in Bata, the main city in mainland Equatorial Guinea, between 9pm on 8 October and 1 am on 9 October, and were accused of being members of the Progress Party of Equatorial Guinea (*Partido del Progreso de Guinea Ecuatorial, PPGE*), a banned political party, and of having in their possession party leaflets and other documents. However, they were released without charge.

Amnesty International has learned that on the evening of 27 October the Governor for the Litoral Province went to Bata Central Police Station and interrogated Filemón Ondó, José Antonio Nguema., Florencio Ondó and Basilio Mayé. According to reports, José Antonio Nguema was ill-treated during the interrogation.

On 31 October the four men appeared before the investigating judge but were apparently not charged with any offence. The four were taken to Bata Public Prison (*Cárcel Pública de Bata*), where they remained incommunicado until their release.

Thank you to all who sent appeals on behalf of Filemón Ondó, José Antonio Nguema., Florencio Ondó and Basilio Mayé. We believe that your appeals contributed greatly to their release. No further action is requested.