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Further information on UA 27/97 (AMR 18/02/97, 28 January 1997) - Fear for Safety

**BOLIVIA** Dr Waldo ALBARRACÍN, human rights defender, and his family  
**new name:** Dr Juan DEL GRANADO, lawyer, human rights defender

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Amnesty International has received information that during February 1997 Waldo Albarracín has received anonymous telephone threats against himself and his family and that they have been subjected to surveillance by unidentified individuals. On 18 February a new anonymous telephone threat was made against members of his family.

Anonymous telephone death threats are also reported to have been made against Dr Juan del Granado, lawyer and president of the Human Rights Commission of the Chamber of Deputies. During February unidentified callers are reported to have telephoned Juan del Granado's home to threaten him with possible death and "disappearance". According to reports, he has received reassurances from members of the government regarding his safety.

Juan del Granado is a well-known human rights defender and, as President of the Human Rights Commission, has documented and publicly denounced complaints of human rights violations. Amnesty International believes that the recent threats against him may be linked with his public condemnation of the abduction and torture of Waldo Albarracín (see original UA).

Amnesty International has welcomed the investigation initiated by the Commission of Constitution, Justice and Judicial Police of the Chamber of Deputies (*Comisión de Constitución, Justicia y Policía Judicial de la Honorable Cámara de Diputados*) into the attack on Waldo Albarracín. However, the organization is deeply concerned about the threats made against Waldo Albarracín, his family, and Juan del Granado.

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

- welcoming the investigation initiated by the Commission, stressing the importance of its completion, and the need to end impunity in such cases;
- expressing deep concern at the threats against Waldo Albarracín and his family, and against Juan del Granado;
- urging that all these threats be promptly, independently and conclusively investigated and that those found responsible be brought to justice;
- calling for effective measures to protect the physical integrity of those threatened;
- noting the reassurances offered by members of the government to Juan del Granado.

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