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Further information on UA 190/90 (AMR 53/03/90, 14 May, and follow-ups AMR 53/04/90, 30 May, and AMR 53/05/90, 31 August) - Ill-treatment/Prison conditions

VENEZUELA: Amílcar RODRIGUEZ MACIAS
and other prisoners

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Ten prisoners, including Amílcar Rodríguez, were transferred from El Dorado to San Juan Juan de los Morros prison in the state of Guárico on 31 August. The transfer followed the visit to El Dorado of three state attorneys (fiscales) and a forensic doctor who confirmed the prisoners' poor medical condition.

On 11 September, Amílcar Rodríguez was transferred again to another prison in Caracas, Internado Judicial del Junquito, which is said to provide better facilities for the inmates.

The local human rights organization PROVEA, and the Comité de Familiares de Presos, Committee of Prisoners' Relatives, have sent a complaint to the Federación Médica Venezolana, Venezuelan Medical Federation, regarding the alleged involvement of medical personnel in the session in which Amílcar Rodríguez is said to have been tortured.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/express and airmail letters in SPANISH if possible:

- stating that you have been informed of the transfer of some of the prisoners on the grounds of their medical condition and asking that they receive proper medical attention;
- urging that the allegations of ill-treatment be fully investigated, including allegations of involvement of medical personnel, and that criminal proceedings be brought against those whom there is found to be evidence of involvement in torture.

APPEALS TO:

Sr. Jesús Moreno Guacarán
Ministro de Justicia
Ministerio de Justicia
Torre Norte, piso 25
Centro Simón Bolívar
Caracas, Venezuela (Minister of Justice)

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Dr. Ramón Escovar Salóm
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COPIES TO:

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PROVEA
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Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela (Human rights organization)

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Federación Médica Venezolana
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and to diplomatic representatives of Venezuela in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 October 1990.