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DENMARK: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WELCOMES RECOMMENDATION THAT "MRS. ANDERSON" BE PAID COMPENSATION

Amnesty International is pleased that an investigation was carried out into the allegations of ill-treatment in the case of "Mrs. Anderson"* -- one of the cases highlighted in its report on ill-treatment by police in Denmark -- and that the investigating prosecutor has recommended that she be paid compensation for suffering "unnecessary indignity and additional discomfort".

The recommendation that compensation be paid is an acknowledgment that "Mrs. Anderson" was not treated according to proper procedures, and other comments in the prosecutor's report lead Amnesty International to repeat its recommendations on provision of food and medical attention to detainees.

Although Amnesty International has not yet received the full report, extracts sent to the organization show that the report is critical of the fact that "Mrs. Anderson" was detained in a non-criminal case for more than 14 hours, during which she was not given food, in violation of existing procedures. The report also notes that she was not allowed to see a doctor despite two requests.

In its report on ill-treatment in Denmark released in June 1994 the organization called on the authorities in Denmark to ensure that detainees are given adequate nourishment during their detention, and that international standards requiring that detainees are given access to a doctor implemented.

The report notes that there are no regulations in Denmark which require that detainees held in a police station be granted unconditional access to a doctor. Access of detainees to a doctor is, however, guaranteed by international human rights standards.

In this case, as in all cases of alleged ill-treatment which Amnesty International raises with governments, the organization presented information about the allegations it had received and called upon the authorities to initiate a full independent and impartial investigation.

* The true name of this person has been withheld upon request.

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