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Further information on UA 64/93 (AFR 63/01/93, 9 March 1993) - Legal concern

**ZAMBIA:**

Bweendo Mulengela  
Bonnie Tembo  
Peter Lishika  
Christopher Muyoka  
Wezi Kaunda  
Steven Moyo  
Rabson Chongo  
Stan Mutanga  
McPherson Mbulo

William Banda  
Rupiya Banda  
Sianda Ilukena  
Cuthbert Nguni  
Henry Kamima  
Philemon Lwabila - released  
Peter Mwanza - released  
Stanley Mhango - released  
Ackim Zimba - released

**and new names:**

**Panji Kaunda**  
**Wilfred Wanani**

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Panji Kaunda, the eldest son of Zambia's former President Kenneth Kaunda, was arrested on 14 March 1993 and is reported to be in police custody in Chipata in Eastern Province. Wilfred Wanani, Chairman for Local Government and Housing in the opposition United National Independence Party (UNIP), was arrested on 18 March 1993. These are the most recent detentions of UNIP members under the Preservation of Public Security Regulations which came in force after a State of Emergency was declared on 4 March 1993. The regulations allow indefinite detention without charge or trial.

Amnesty International is also concerned by allegations that at least two detained UNIP members have been ill-treated. It has been alleged that Cuthbert Nguni, member of parliament for Chipata, was questioned without a break for 39 hours during which time he was made to balance on two bricks. It is also alleged that he was made to perform exercises that involved spinning in one place to induce dizziness and that when he fell to the ground he was kicked. Henry Kamima, former head of security when UNIP was in government, is reported to have been tied to a chair and punched.

On 17 March 1993, however, the authorities released Philemon Lwabila, Peter Mwanza, Stanley Mhango and Ackim Zimba without laying any charges against them. Weze Kaunda is reported to have ended his hunger-strike.

Those who remain in detention, now 16 in number, have been dispersed around the country to different civil prisons. There are as yet no signs that the authorities intend to bring criminal charges against them. Indeed one, Steven Moyo, a lecturer at the University of Zambia and former head of the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation, has been served with a 28-day detention order which suggests that the authorities are not in a position to bring criminal charges against him at least.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The government led by President Frederick Chiluba claims to have discovered a UNIP plot to make the country ungovernable through an orchestrated campaign of civil disobedience. The evidence so far made public is a document entitled The Zero Option which was discovered in UNIP headquarters in Lusaka. The UNIP leadership

has denied that the document was party policy. The authorities claim to have subsequently uncovered a second document which gives details of a coup plot.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes and airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- expressing concern at the detention without charge or trial of Panji Kaunda and Wilfred Wanani and 14 other United National Independence Party (UNIP) members named above (please select two or three names from the list as examples) who Amnesty International believes may be prisoners of conscience detained for their non-violent opposition to the government;
- expressing Amnesty International's opposition to administrative detention

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procedures which provide for indefinite detention without charge or trial;

- expressing concern at allegations that Cuthbert Nguni and Henry Kamima have been physically ill-treated;
- urging that allegations of ill-treatment be independently, impartially and thoroughly investigated and that the government makes public the findings of the investigations;
- welcoming the release of Philemon Lwabila, Peter Mwanza, Stanley Mhango and Ackim Zimba and urging that all the other detainees be released if they are not to be charged with a recognisably criminal offence and brought promptly to a fair trial.

**APPEALS TO**

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Lusaka, Zambia  
**Telegrams: President Chiluba, Lusaka, Zambia**  
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**Salutation: Your Excellency**

2) The Hon. Newstead Zimba  
Minister of Home Affairs  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
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Lusaka, Zambia  
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Lusaka, Zambia  
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4) The Hon. Dr Roger Chongwe  
Minister of Legal Affairs  
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