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Further information on EXTRA 10/00 (EUR 23/02/00, 18 February 2000) and follow-up (EUR 23/03/00 14 April 2000) - Forcible Return/Risk of Torture

GERMANY `Abd al-Akher Hammad
 Muhi al-Din Ahmad `Abd al-Mun'im
 & their families

The two Egyptian nationals named above, and their families, have been given refugee status in Germany.

It had been feared that they would be forcibly returned to Egypt, when their asylum applications were rejected in January 2000. However, this decision was reversed by the Federal Office for the Recognition of Foreign Refugees (*Bundesamt für die Anerkennung ausländischer Flüchtlinge*), on 8 November in the case of Muhi al-Din Ahmad `Abd al-Mun'im, and the following day for `Abd al-Akher Hammad.

Many thanks to all of you who worked on their behalf. No further action is necessary.