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Further information on 112/00 (EUR 46/31/00, 9 May 2000) - Incommunicado detention / Fear of torture and ill-treatment

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION: CHECHNYA Adam Abubakarov, aged 16**

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As of 1 June 2000, sixteen-year-old Adam Abubakarov had not been seen since his detention by Russian forces on 22 or 23 February 2000. His family believes that he is still being held in incommunicado detention at a prison hospital at the pre-trial detention centre (SIZO) in the Russian town of Pyatigorsk, although they have not been officially informed of his whereabouts for over three months. Since his detention, Adam Abubakarov has reportedly been held in several secret "filtration camps", where torture and ill-treatment have been routine and systematic.

In a meeting in Moscow on 2 June, Amnesty International requested the help of the staff of Vladimir Kalamonov's office in discovering the whereabouts of Adam Abubakarov. Vladimir Kalamonov is the special representative of the Russian President on human rights in Chechnya. His Commission is the body responsible for collecting complaints from civilians in Chechnya who are victims of human rights violations, as part of the Russian government's national investigation.

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

- expressing concern at the reported continuing incommunicado detention of Adam Abubakarov;
- urging the Russian government to immediately make public his whereabouts and state of health, and to explain the legal basis for his arrest and detention;
- urging the authorities to grant him immediate access to his family, a lawyer of his own choice and appropriate medical care;
- asking the authorities to release him, unless he is officially charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- asking the authorities to initiate an investigation into his reported incommunicado detention and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- urging the Russian government immediately to make public the names, whereabouts, current state of health and the charges brought against everyone detained in the various "filtration camps".

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Dear President**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Russian Federation accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 July 2000.