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Further information on UA 78/84 (AMR 29/13/84 30 March) – “Disappearance”

**EL SALVADOR: Carlos Ernesto VASQUEZ ZOMETE**

Amnesty International has received report that Carlos Ernesto Vásquez Zomete has been subjected to torture while held in detention at the National Police (*Policía Nacional*) headquarters in San Salvador, where it is believed he is still being held. His detention has been acknowledged by the authorities.

Carlos Ernesto Vásquez Zomete is said to have been on his way to the Ministry of Labour in order to renegotiate an end to the 44-day strike of the Salvadorian waterworkers when he was arrested on 27 March 1984 in the capital.

Carlos Ernesto Vásquez Zomete is secretary general of the *Sindicato Empresa Trabajadores de ANDA* (SETA), the waterworkers' union.

Detainees are normally held for 10-15 days in incommunicado detention by the security forces, and it is during this period that detainees are routinely tortured.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals on behalf of Carlos Ernesto Vásquez Zomete :

- expressing serious concern about reports that he is being tortured while in the custody of the National Police and asking for assurances that his physical integrity be guaranteed.

Letters should also urge that steps be taken to ensure that members of the military and security forces involved in the detention and interrogation of suspects be fully informed of international standards such as the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, the United Nations Declaration on the Protection of all Persons from Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the United Nations Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials, and that these are adhered to with respect to procedures used both in the detention and interrogation of detainees in El Salvador.

Appeals should be sent to:

Coronel Carlos Reynaldo López Nuila  
Director de la Policía Nacional  
6a Calle Oriente  
San Salvador, El Salvador

(*head of National Police*)

S.E. Dr Alvaro A. Magaña Borja  
Presidente de la República de El Salvador  
Casa Presidencial  
San Salvador, El Salvador

(*President*):

Dr Julio Alfredo Samayoa  
Ministro de Trabajo y Previsión Social  
Ministerio de Trabajo y Previsión Social  
2a Avenida Norte 428  
San Salvador, El Salvador

*(Minister of Labour)*

Copies may be sent to:

Sr. Arturo Méndez Azahar  
Ministro de Justicia  
Ministerio de Justicia  
San Salvador, El Salvador

*(Minister of Justice)*

CDHES  
Dr Benjamin Cestoni  
2a Planta  
Edif. Fiscalía General de la República  
Centro de Gobierno  
San Salvador, El Salvador

*(governmental human rights commission)*

Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador  
(CDHES)  
Av. Las Américas y Calle San José  
Urb. Isidro Menéndez, Edif. ACUS  
San Salvador, El Salvador

*(independent human rights commission)*

*As before, please organize appeals from TRADE UNIONISTS*