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*(Amnesty International Statute, Article 1(c))*

Further information on UA 233/81 (AMR 29/68/81 24 September, AMR 29/83/81 10 December)

EL SALVADOR: Ana Maria GOMEZ

Amnesty International has now received reports that Ana Maria Gomez, who was abducted in August 1981 by the Salvadorian security services, has been located. According to reports, she is being held in the women's prison in Ilopango. She has apparently been accused of "subversive activity".

Fears for her safety continue. She is reported to have been both physically and mentally tortured and to now be in a very weak physical state.

Ana Maria Gomez, aged 25, is a student of Electrical Engineering at the National University in San Salvador. She is a member of the executive council of the General Association of Salvadorian Students (AGEUS), one of whose members has already been killed. She is also a member of several other organizations including the *Asociación de Mujeres de El Salvador* (AMES - Salvadorian Women's Association), and had participated in a campaign for the release of political prisoners in El Salvador. None of the organizations in which she was active are illegal or operate clandestinely.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals to the Salvadorian authorities including the Director of the Women's prison in Ilopango. Urge that she be immediately released in the absence of charges and legal proceedings against her. Please also express concern about reports that she is in poor health and urge that she receive any medical treatment that may be necessary.

Appeals should be sent to:

Ing. José Napoleon Duarte  
Presidente de la Junta de El Salvador  
Palacio Nacional  
Sal Salvador, El Salvador

Sr. Director  
Centro Penal de Mujeres  
Ciudad de Ilopango  
San Salvador, El Salvador

Appeals may continue until 10 February 1982.