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Fear of Torture

EL SALVADOR: Mauricio DOMENECH
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Amnesty International has received reports that the arrest on 19 October 1982 of Mauricio Domenech, a member of the executive committee of the social democratic political party *Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario* (MNR), has now been acknowledged by the Salvadorian authorities. However, it is not yet known where he is being held. Mauricio Domenech is reported to have been charged with conspiracy and sabotage against the state under Decree Law 507, and is currently being held under investigation, before being brought before a military tribunal.

The MNR is a member of the coalition of opposition parties, *Frente Democrático Revolucionario* (FDR), Democratic Revolutionary Front.

Further recommended action:

Letters should continue on behalf of Mauricio Domenech. Letters should:

- ask for details of Mauricio Domenech's place of detention, and the charges against him
- urge that he be given a fair trial in accordance with internationally recognised legal standards
- request assurances that he is being humanely treated in detention

Appeals should be sent to:

Sr. Roberto D'Aubuisson
Presidente de la Asamblea Constituyente
San Salvador, El Salvador
(President of Constituent Assembly)

General José Guillermo Garcia
Ministro de Defensa y Seguridad
Pública
Ministerio de Defensa y Seguridad
Pública
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador
(Minister of Defence)

Copies may be sent to:

Dr Arturo Méndez Azahar
Ministro de Justicia
Ministerio de Justicia
San Salvador, El Salvador
(Minister of Justice)

Check with the International Secretariat of sending appeals after
2 December 1982.

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