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Disappearance

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BPAZIL: Jorge Oscar ADUR  
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AI has received reports that Jorge Oscar Adur, a 48-year-old priest of Argentinian nationality, "disappeared" while visiting Brazil early in July 1980. The precise circumstances of his "disappearance" are not known but it is believed that he may have been abducted in the town of Porto Alegre.

Jorge Oscar Adur had been living in exile in France since the military coup in Argentina in March 1976; he had been a supporter of the Peronist Party. He travelled to Brazil at the time of the Pope's visit and he was to have met relatives of disappeared Argentinians and with Latin American political refugees in Brazil. AI fears that he may have been abducted by Argentinian security forces operating in cooperation with the Brazilian security forces. There are fears for his physical safety, particularly if he is forcibly returned to Argentina.

Jorge Oscar Adur was born on 19 March 1932 in Nogoya in the province of Entre Rios in Argentina; his identity card number is LE 5.852.553. He is a member of the "Priests for the Third World" movement.

AI has learnt of several instances of cooperation between Brazilian and Argentinian or Uruguayan security forces in recent years. In November 1978 Lilian Celiberti and

Universindo Rodriguez Diaz, together with Lilian's two children, were abducted in Porto Alegre where they were living as refugees and forcibly returned to Uruguay. In August 1978 Norberto Habegger and three other people were abducted at Rio de Janeiro airport; AI then learnt that Sr Habegger had been returned to Argentina. Lilian Celiberti and Universindo Rodriguez Diaz are still in detention in Uruguay and are known to have been tortured. Sr Habegger is still "disappeared" in Argentina.

AI is therefore concerned about the safety of foreigners in Brazil, particularly in the light of the proposed new legislation (*Lei dos Estrangeiros*) which is to be approved by Congress on 5 August 1980. This proposed new legislation may infringe international law by placing in jeopardy many of those who have been forced to leave their countries of origin to escape political imprisonment and the threat of torture and killing. Articles 37 and 56 of the proposed law appear to enable the summary deportation of de facto refugees who have been living irregularly for some time in Brazil without allowing them full rights of appeal or resettlement in another country.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Telegrams/express letters requesting information about the present whereabouts and situation of Jorge Oscar Adur and asking for assurances that he will not be returned to Argentina where it is believed that he would be in danger.

Please also express concern at the implications of the proposed *Lei dos Estrangeiros*, which, if passed, could endanger the lives of political refugees in Brazil who are returned to their country of origin.

LAWYERS in particular are asked to express concern in their professional capacity about this proposed legislation.

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