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TO: All delegates at "Disappearance" Event,
25-27 October 1996, Istanbul

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Dear Friends,

Over two weeks have passed since we were all together in Istanbul. We both hope that all of you are still as enthusiastic about this event as we are. The echo this event had went far beyond our expectations.

On Tuesday 29 October Turkish newspapers were still reporting on the AI UK's advertising campaign on "disappearances" in the British press, which included a reference to our action. There is no doubt that the Turkish authorities are unhappy with the sympathetic press coverage our event received. A Reuter's news release of 1 November shows this: *"Turkish journalists say they have been told by high-level officials to tone down their moderate criticism of rights violations and give less importance to European complaints of abuses"*.

Please find enclosed a list of the addresses and contact numbers for all delegates to our action. Also, as promised, we are both still committed to producing a booklet and a video on the event which you might want to use in future campaigning. We would very much like to include your comments in the booklet. Therefore, if you wish to, please send us a one-paragraph comment on the event: your most memorable moments; what the event meant to you, etc. Any special pictures would also be most welcome.

In due course the "disappearances" action and the Turkey Campaign as a whole will be formally evaluated by the International Secretariat. If you wish to send us more lengthy feedback on the event, for evaluation rather than publication, please do so and we will ensure that your comments are passed on to the evaluation team.

Finally, thank you for all your hard work during the 26 October event. Your efforts - and the efforts of your sections and groups - ensured that this action was a great success.

With very best wishes

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