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**HISTORICAL FILE**

Further information on UA 84/82 (AMR 52/08/82 30 March) - Fear of torture  
Legal concern

**URUGUAY: Maria Cecilia DUFFAU ECHEVARREN**  
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Amnesty International has been informed that Maria Cecilia Duffau Echevarren, who is being held at the *Jefatura de Policia*, is now being allowed twice-weekly visits from her family who reported finding her well. There are indications that she may be charged with Assistance to Subversive Association, which under the Law of State Security and Internal Order (1972) carries a penalty of six months to two years' imprisonment. In past years relatives of political opponents of the government and of political prisoners have been sentenced to prison on the same charge.

The sister of Maria Duffau Echevarren, who was recently forced to flee Uruguay to Brazil in fear of arrest by the security forces, is a close friend of Alicia Locatelli (UA 97/82 - AMR 52/12/82, 13 April). The latter is reported to have been arrested because she sheltered her friend during her flight.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals expressing concern about the reported arrest of Maria Cecilia Duffau Echevarren and urging that:

- her physical safety and integrity be guaranteed and that she be humanely treated while in detention;
- in the absence of criminal charges against her, she be released immediately;
- she be allowed immediate access to a lawyer of her own choice.

APPEALS TO:

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Please check with the International Secretariat if sending appeals after 14 May 1982.