

81. The Working Group received allegations that, in breach of article 10 of the Declaration, disappeared persons continued to be unaccounted for because of the lack of investigation into the cases by the authorities. It was also alleged that authorities are usually unable to bring perpetrators of enforced disappearances to justice, as provided for in article 14 of the Declaration.

Philippines

82. The Working Group transmitted three newly reported cases; one occurred in 1999. During the same period, the Working Group clarified two cases on the basis of information provided by the source and one on the basis of information provided by the Government on which no observations were received from the source within a period of six months.

83. The three newly reported cases transmitted in 1999 concern two persons who were detained by army officers in Nasugbu, Batangas, on suspicion of being members of the so-called Communist New Peoples Army. They were interrogated and reportedly handed over to the Mobile Force Company of the Philippine National Police (PNP) base in Palico. However, the PNP denied any knowledge of the arrest. The other victim is a trade union organizer for the Citizen's Campaign against Criminalization of Political Detainees who was reportedly detained by members of the army in Bagong barrio, Caloocan City, Metro Manila.

Sri Lanka

84. The Working Group transmitted seven newly reported cases, two of which occurred in 1999. All the cases were sent under the urgent action procedure. During the same period, the Working Group clarified the two cases that reportedly occurred in 1999 on the basis of information submitted by the source according to which the persons concerned were released after 39 days of unacknowledged detention in the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) camp at Kovilkulam Junction.

85. Five of the newly reported cases concerned displaced persons residing at the Veppankulam camp in Vavuniya district who were abducted by members of an armed Tamil group opposed to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, allegedly acting with the acquiescence of the security forces. Local investigations have so far given no indication as to their whereabouts.

86. At the invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka, a member of the Working Group, Mr. Manfred Nowak, and the Working Group's Acting Secretary visited Sri Lanka from 25 to 29 October 1999. The report on the visit is contained in addendum 1 to the present report.

Sudan

87. The Working Group transmitted three newly reported cases. The cases occurred in 1999 and were sent under the urgent action procedure.

88. The Government provided information on two cases, stating that one of the persons concerned was currently leading a normal life as a bishop and that the other missing person had

AnnexDECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES TAKEN BY THE WORKING GROUP DURING
1999

Country	Cases which allegedly occurred in 1999	Cases transmitted to the Government during 1999		Clarifications by:		Discontinued cases
		Urgent actions	Normal actions	Government	Non-governmental sources	
Algeria	1	-	146	-	-	-
Belarus	1	1	-	-	-	-
Brazil	3	3	1	-	3	-
China	1	1	6	9	-	-
Colombia	27	27	-	5	4	-
Democratic Republic of the Congo	5	5	-	-	2	-
Ethiopia	1	1	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	-	-	-	8	-	-
Honduras	1	1	-	-	1	-
India	-	-	6	5	-	-
Indonesia	50	50	-	1	1	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3	3	1	-	-	-
Jordan	1	1	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	1	-	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	-	-	1	-	-	-
Mexico	1	6	-	16	-	-
Morocco	-	-	2	-	-	-
Nepal	5	6	-	2	-	-
Pakistan	-	3	-	-	-	-
Philippines	1	3	-	1	2	-
South Africa	-	-	-	1	-	-
Sri Lanka	2	7	-	-	2	-
Sudan	3	3	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	-	1	-	1	-	-
Turkey	2	2	6	5	-	-
Uzbekistan	7	1	6	-	-	-
