Clarification

63. On the basis of information provided by sources, the Working Group decided to clarify seven cases. Five individual are reportedly free, while the other two are reportedly deceased.

Observations

64. The Working Group is concerned that, during the period under review, it transmitted under its urgent action procedure to the Government 21 newly reported cases of enforced disappearances. In this regard, the Working Group stresses that, as provided for in article 7 of the Declaration, no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances. The Working Group acknowledges the receipt of a communication transmitted by the Government during the session. The communication will be reviewed at the 107th session.

Peru

Information from sources

65. Sources provided information on two outstanding cases.

Saudi Arabia

Clarification

66. On the basis of information provided by the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify two outstanding cases following the expiration of the period prescribed by the six-month rule (see A/HRC/WGEID/104/1, para. 113). Reportedly, one individual is deceased while the other is free.

Spain

Letter and press release

67. On 25 March 2015, the Working Group transmitted, jointly with another special procedures mechanism, a letter concerning allegations in connection with the decision of the Council of Ministers on non-continuation of extradition proceedings. The authorities of Argentina had requested the extradition of 17 Spanish citizens for crimes including serious violations of human rights and crimes against humanity, committed during the Franco regime. On 26 March 2015, a press release was issued on the same subject.

Information from sources

68. A source provided information on one outstanding case. In accordance with the methods of work of the Working Group, a copy of the case was sent to the Government of France.

Sri Lanka

Standard procedure

69. The Working Group transmitted 10 cases to the Government, concerning:

- (a) Mr. Vamathevan Anantham, allegedly last seen on 16 May 2009 in an army-controlled area in Mulliwaikkal, Mullaitivu, Northern Province;
- (b) Mr. Pratheepan Sandiya Francis Posia, allegedly last seen in presence of Sri Lankan Army in May 2009 at Omanthai military checkpoint, Northern Province;
- (c) Mr. Jegaraj Jesurajah, allegedly last seen on 28 April 2009 while displaced in an army-controlled area in Valaigarmadam, Northern Province;
- (d) Mr. Kajeenthan Kanthasamy, allegedly last seen on 4 April 2009 in an army-controlled area in Vadduvagal, Northern Province;
- (e) Mr. Rajapulenthiran Murugesu, allegedly last seen on 17 May 2009 in an army-controlled area of Sinnathangadu, Mullaitivu, Northern Province;
- (f) Ms. Satsuthan Ealilnila, allegedly last seen on 17 May 2009 at Eradaiwakkal, Mullaitivu, Northern Province, when she was captured by the Sri Lankan Army;
- (g) Mr. Atulananthan Sivaneswaran, allegedly last seen on 10 April 2009, in Puthumaththalan, Northern Province; the Sri Lankan Army was allegedly responsible for his disappearance;
- (h) Mr. Kirubakaran Thavarasa, allegedly last seen on 18 May 2009 at the army checkpoint in Omanthai, Northern Province, where he was loaded on to an army vehicle;
- (i) Mr. Mayilvagunam Thiruchelvam, allegedly last seen on 19 May 2009 in an army-controlled area in Vadduvagal, Mullaitivu District, Northern Province;
- (j) Mr. Ratheeshwaran Vairamuththu, allegedly last seen on 18 May 2009 in Vadduvagal village, Northern Province, when he surrendered to the Sri Lankan Army.

Information from the Government

70. On 24 February 2015, the Government transmitted information regarding outstanding cases. On the basis of the information received, the Working Group decided, at its 106th session, to apply the six-month rule to seven cases. The information provided on another 187 cases was considered insufficient to lead to a clarification.

Clarification

71. On the basis of information provided by the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify six outstanding cases following the expiration of the period prescribed by the six-month rule (see A/HRC/WGEID/104/1, para. 118). Reportedly, five individuals are free and one is deceased.

Observation

72. The Working Group thanks the Government for its invitation and looks forward to making its country visit in August 2015.