

## INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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### URGENT CALL TO ORGANISERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR 7th IEC DELEGATION

Preparations for a 7th delegation to Peru are underway; however, we are lacking adequate money to proceed. Six previous IEC delegations, each including prominent international lawyers, have gone to Peru. Today, with an interim government in Peru pending the scheduled April 2001 elections, there exist fresh potential and real possibilities for a break through on the issue of Dr. Abimael Guzman's eight-year isolation from the outside world.

As stressed in the IEC call for a 7<sup>th</sup> delegation: "Efforts from around the world are now needed to send a 7<sup>th</sup> delegation to Peru, to voice the demand of millions in Peru and around the world that the Peruvian regime's politically motivated, inhuman isolation of Dr. Abimael Guzman must cease. This delegation is being mobilised by the IEC specifically to demand: 'End the Isolation!'... Infighting over the succession to Fujimori has burst out, and many vicious crimes of the old administration have been exposed and are under renewed scrutiny. In this situation, a broad international delegation can help force the hand of the transitional or new administration to cede to these just demands... Today there is a real potential to win the battle to end the isolation of Dr. Guzman—yet **we must act quickly to seize the time.**"

Every delegation has required an immense amount of money. It involves more than transportation and hotel expenses for the delegates. Before, during, and after each delegation the expenses of the international office here in London increase enormously. Coordinating and orienting potential delegates requires continuous communication (sometimes including additional travel expenses). Once the delegation is "off the ground" the international office must be in a position to provide around-the-clock support. We must have adequate funds to communicate with the delegation regularly and to inform people around the world of what is happening. Also, the delegation must have money to produce press packets in Peru, to communicate, and to send materials out of Peru by reliable means. IEC chapters in each country generally cover the transportation and expenses of delegates sent from that country. However, this is not always possible with chapters in oppressed countries or in countries where there are only a few active supporters. All of this adds up to a lot of money—total expenses could easily reach US\$20,000.

Since 1992 the IEC campaign has been financially sustained entirely by the people of the world, many of whom have sacrificed a great deal in the battle to defend Dr. Guzman and the thousands of other political and revolutionary prisoners in Peru. We suggest the half-day's wage as a standard goal for contributions when appropriate.

The stakes in sending this delegation before the scheduled April elections are high. Yet even with a transitional government in Peru, we must be prepared for any eventuality. This delegation must be well supported financially and the international campaign must be poised to support and defend it against any possible attack. And it must be well supported if it is going to take advantage of the changing and uncertain conditions in Peru today.

We have great confidence that both long-time friends and supporters, and new persons learning of this situation for the very first time, will recognise what is currently at stake and contribute generously. (Make cheques payable to "IEC")