

# URGENT ACTION

## BEATRIZ IN NEED AS AUTHORITIES JUST STAND BY

**Beatriz is still waiting for the Salvadoran authorities to provide her with the medical treatment she urgently needs to safeguard her life and health. The authorities are known to be concerned by the appeals the network have been sending, and it is vital to continue the pressure on them.**

**Beatriz** is now 23 weeks pregnant. She first requested the medical treatment she needs over two months ago, but rather than act to safeguard her life and health, the Salvadoran authorities have stood back and refused to act - despite the suffering and anguish this is causing Beatriz and her family, and despite the protective measures (*medidas cautelares*) granted to her by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on 29 April.

The situation is becoming increasingly urgent, and we are asking everyone to take a different kind of action, immediately, in support of our NGO partners, the Citizen's Group (Agrupación Ciudadana) who held a press conference on 14 May calling on the authorities to act before it is too late. They are arranging a mass demonstration on 15 May at 8am outside the country's Supreme Court of Justice.

### **Please write immediately in Spanish, English or your own language:**

- Send a tweet to the President and the Attorney General - we know from our NGO partner that this is having an impact. See below for suggested tweets;
- Call the Salvadoran embassy in your country and tell them how concerned you are over Beatriz's case, and that the government is responsible for protecting her human rights - further delays are inexcusable;
- Circulate the latest AI blog on Beatriz's case and the video interview with Beatriz, alongside the online actions from AI USA and AI UK (see the additional information section for the links);
- Carry on sending us your photos (equipoca@amnesty.org) in solidarity with and in support of Beatriz. We are passing all of them on to the Citizen's Group to share with her.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 20 MAY 2013:**

If you can only send one tweet, please prioritise the President:

#### Tweets for the President:

- .@presidencia\_sv [you can #saveBeatriz](#) - she wants to live. Give her access to the treatment she needs to survive.
- .@presidencia\_sv [#Beatriz](#) wants to live, you are responsible for guaranteeing her human rights [#saveBeatriz](#) and act now!
- .@presidencia\_sv You are responsible for protecting [#Beatriz](#)'s human rights: the world is watching [#saveBeatriz](#)
- .@presidencia\_sv Across the world we stand with those peacefully demonstrating to [#saveBeatriz](#)

#### Tweets for the Attorney General:

- .@luism\_abogado [#Beatriz](#) wants to live: guarantee she won't be prosecuted so she can have the treatment needed now [#saveBeatriz](#)
- .@luism\_abogado [#saveBeatriz](#) and let her have the treatment she needs - her life is in your hands
- .@luism\_abogado Across the world we stand with those peacefully demonstrating to [#saveBeatriz](#)

#### If you want to encourage others to take action, please feel free to use the following sample tweets:

Act now to [#saveBeatriz](#)'s life: call or email your Salvadoran embassy and tell them to let her have the treatment she needs!  
[#Beatriz](#) wants to live: <http://vimeo.com/65681838> Take action! [#saveBeatriz](#) <http://bit.ly/ActBeatriz>

#### If you do not have access to Twitter please do email and fax on the numbers below:

**President:** Fax +503 2243 6860, Salutation: Dear President/ Estimado Sr. Presidente

**Attorney General:** Fax: +503 2246 4950, Email: [fiscalgeneral@fgr.gob.sv](mailto:fiscalgeneral@fgr.gob.sv), Salutation: Dear Attorney General/

Estimado Sr. Fiscal

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the second update of UA 93/13. Further:

[www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR29/002/2013/en](http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR29/002/2013/en)

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AI blog on Beatriz's case:

English: <http://livewire.amnesty.org/2013/05/13/el-salvadors-officials-are-playing-russian-roulette-with-young-womans-life/>

Spanish: <http://livewire.amnesty.org/es/2013/05/13/autoridades-en-el-salvador-estan-jugando-a-la-ruleta-rusa-con-la-vida-de-una-juven/>

Video interview with Beatriz (in Spanish only), recorded by the NGO supporting her, the Agrupación Ciudadana:  
<http://vimeo.com/65681838>

AND alongside that, ask all your networks, friends and relatives to take the AI USA and AI UK web actions:

<http://bit.ly/ActBeatriz>

[http://www2.amnesty.org.uk/blogs/sms-action-network/el-salvador-woman-denied-life-saving-treatment?utm\\_source=aiuk&utm\\_medium=Priorities&utm\\_campaign=IAR&utm\\_content=ElSalvador\\_nib](http://www2.amnesty.org.uk/blogs/sms-action-network/el-salvador-woman-denied-life-saving-treatment?utm_source=aiuk&utm_medium=Priorities&utm_campaign=IAR&utm_content=ElSalvador_nib)

Sexual and reproductive rights are grounded in human rights that are recognized in international human rights treaties, regional standards, national constitutions and other relevant human rights standards. The realization of sexual and reproductive rights requires respect for rights relating to physical and mental integrity, including the rights to life, to liberty and security of person; to freedom from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment; and to privacy and respect for family life; as well as rights related to freedom of conscience and expression and freedom from discrimination. These rights correspond directly to the principles underpinning sexual and reproductive rights – the physical and mental integrity of the individual, his or her autonomy, and the principle of non-discrimination on grounds such as gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or socioeconomic status.

Sexual and reproductive rights are central to the realization of every individual's human rights. Respect for these rights is essential to human dignity and to the enjoyment of physical, emotional, mental and social wellbeing. Their fulfilment enhances life and personal relationships and helps to achieve gender equality and empowerment. All people must be allowed to enjoy their sexual and reproductive rights free from coercion, discrimination and violence.

In June 2011, the UN Special Expert on Violence against Women expressed grave concern at a situation of violence against women in El Salvador, and warned that government inaction on the investigation, prosecution and reparation for such crimes had led to a situation of impunity for gender-based violence.

In her report the UN Special Expert also urged the government to review the laws which ban abortion in all circumstances, even where the life or health of the woman or girl is at stake or she is a victim of rape.

Name: Beatriz

Gender m/f: f

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