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Sri Lanka: Spokespeople available in Colombo on CHOGM and human rights

On 15-17 November, Sri Lanka is hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in its capital Colombo, after which the country is due to chair the Commonwealth for two years. The choice of venue has proved controversial in light of Sri Lanka's appalling human rights record.

Amnesty International's Steve Crawshaw, Director of the Office of the Secretary General, will be in Colombo before and during CHOGM and is available for media interviews.

Possible themes:

- Sri Lanka's human rights situation
- The Sri Lankan government's ongoing attacks on critics and activists
- No justice for alleged war crimes during the armed conflict
- The need for an independent and international inquiry into the armed conflict
- The Commonwealth's silence on Sri Lanka's human rights crisis
- Other Commonwealth issues

Background:

["Commonwealth giving Sri Lanka carte blanche for human rights abuses"](#), Amnesty International Press Release, 27 September 2013.

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