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PUBLIC STATEMENT

The International Secretariat of Amnesty International has not adopted any position in relation to the closure of the Basque daily newspaper Egin and the radio station Egin Irratia –as recently reported in the Spanish media. These reports have been based on a Basque newspaper report of a statement –issued by an individual Amnesty International member in the USA –which was not authorized by the organization’s International Secretariat.

Amnesty International is monitoring closely what is clearly a complex legal issue, but at no point has the International Secretariat –the body that determines the organization’s policy on any particular country, including Spain –issued a public statement adopting a position on the case.

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