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NORTHERN IRELAND: NEW REPORT SLAMS FAILURE TO DEAL WITH THE PAST

Fifteen years on from the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, and one week ahead of the start of major new talks to be chaired by former US envoy to Northern Ireland Dr Richard Haass, a new report by Amnesty International will detail how attempts to deal with the past in Northern Ireland have failed.

The report finds that whilst Northern Ireland is held up internationally as a model of post-conflict resolution, the deficient, piecemeal system set up to deal with the past has for many has not delivered truth, justice and reparation.

With Northern Ireland still facing deep divisions, Amnesty International's 78-page report, *Northern Ireland: Time to Deal with the Past*, will call on political leaders to establish a single overarching mechanism capable of comprehensively addressing the past and establishing the truth about the human rights violations and abuses committed by all sides.

To request an advance copy of the report, to book a place at the press conference to be held at 1030 on 12 September in Belfast or to arrange an interview with Amnesty International experts, victims and their relatives please contact Grainne Teggart, Amnesty International Northern Ireland on +44 (0)7928042315 (mobile); +44 (0) 2890643000 or email at Grainne.Teggart@amnesty.org.uk

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