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**SRI LANKA: GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO BE
GRANTED ACCESS FOR RESEARCH**

Two delegates from Amnesty International attended a conference in Colombo from 11 to 16 March on trades union and human rights in South Asia as guest speakers. While there, they also met government officials and discussed possibilities for future access by Amnesty International to Sri Lanka. Amnesty International was last permitted access to the country in 1982.

According to press reports, the government announced on 20 March that "a research visit to Sri Lanka would be considered favourably if a formal request were made" by Amnesty International (Daily News, Colombo, 21 March 1991). Amnesty International welcomes this news, and will be formulating a proposal for its next visit to the country.