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MEDIA INVITATION 25th International Council Meeting - Opening Ceremony

Amnesty International will be holding its 25th International Council Meeting (ICM) in Dakar, Senegal, between 17 and 25 August 2001. Hundreds of human rights activists from all over the world will be meeting to plan the organization's work and direction in the next four years and to address the challenges of human rights in the 21st century.

Held in Amnesty International's 40th Anniversary year, the event will also mark the official handover to our new Secretary General, Irene Zubaida Khan. Irene is the 7th Secretary General in the organization's history. She is the 1st woman and the first Asian to hold the position.

Opening Ceremony

Time: 1800 hrs GMT, Friday 17th August

Venue: Hotels Ngor - Diarama
Route de Ngor
BP 8092 Dakar Yoff
Senegal
Amnesty International Conference

Events: Welcoming speech by Albert Gans (Chair of the ICM)
Speech by Daddis Isma Sagna (Chair of Amnesty International Senegal)
Speech by Colm O Cuanachain (Chair of the IEC)
Launch of the Amnesty International webcast
Official handover of Secretary Generals between Pierre Sané and Irene Zubaida Khan

Speech by Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

Music: Doudou Ndiaye Rose

Arrangements: *The opening ceremony is the only section to which media are invited. However, Amnesty International's Press Office will be operating throughout the ICM to provide information and interviews.*

For those unable to attend, the handover segment will be webcast at 1820 GMT at the following address:

http://www.web.amnesty.org/mavp/av.nsf/pages/external_webcast

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