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## High level delegation to meet Nicaraguan presidential candidates

An Amnesty International delegation will visit Nicaragua between 25 and 29 July to meet with presidential candidates and candidates to congress, ahead of elections scheduled for November 2011.

Delegates will visit the Central American country to raise its human rights concerns and the need for an effective human rights plan – to tackle issues including the alarming levels of sexual violence against women and girls, abuses against human rights activists and attacks on freedom of expression.

A full itinerary of the visit will be circulated on 24 July.

Amnesty International's delegates will be available for interviews in English and Spanish.

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