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MEDIA ADVISORY -- Human Rights Council: UPR must deliver on human rights

At its inaugural session, Amnesty International today called on the Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council to use the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) to overcome the bias and double standards that plagued the former Commission on Human Rights.

The UPR is the first-ever UN mechanism that will look at the human rights records of all countries.

Amnesty International called on the UPR to focus on the key human rights challenges in countries under review and for the Working Group, and later the Human Rights Council itself, to adopt concrete measures to improve the situation of human rights in all countries reviewed.

The organisation called for the whole process to be transparent and fair for stakeholders.

For more information on the human rights situation in individual countries under review, please see:

Indonesia

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA21/021/2007

Bahrain

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE11/001/2007

Algeria

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE28/021/2007

Brazil

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR19/023/2007

Czech Republic

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR71/003/2007

Finland

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR20/001/2007

India

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA20/021/2007

Morocco

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE29/012/2007

Netherlands

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR35/001/2007

Philippines

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA35/006/2007

Poland

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR37/005/2007

South Africa

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR53/005/2007

UK

http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR45/020/2007