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**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS
10 MILLION PLEDGES TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS
TO KOFI ANNAN**

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Amnesty International Secretary General Pierre Sané will present 11 million pledges supporting the Declaration to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, in the Palais de Chaillot, Paris.

Media arrangements:

- 18.30 hrs, 8 DECEMBER 1998,
- Grand Foyer, Palais de Chaillot, Place du Trocadero, Paris

All media need accreditation to the Human Rights Defenders Summit and Kofi Annan handover event. For accreditation or further information and a press pack, please contact: Sophie Lussier, summit Press Office -- tel: +33 1 4923 1187/1123 or fax: +33 1 49 23 0048 Raphael Sachetat, Amnesty International (AI), tel: +33 1 4923 1141/1171/1111 Mark Ogle, Susan Kobrin (AI) tel: +33 1 4923 1141/1177 or mobile +44 468 182 474

For the past year, Amnesty International members around the world have collected pledges in support of the UDHR from approximately 11 million people from all walks of life in 120 countries. The pledge reads "*I will do everything in my power to ensure the rights contained in the UDHR become a reality throughout the world.*" Well-known signatories include: Tony Blair, Jacques Chirac, Yoweri Museveni, Kim Dae-Jung, Yasser Arafat, the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, U2, Mick Jagger, Harrison Ford, Puff Daddy, and the whole national football teams from France, the Netherlands and South Africa, as well as millions of ordinary individuals. The pledges represent powerful worldwide support for the UDHR and a demand by ordinary people from around the globe that their governments live up to the promises they made in 1948.

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