

MEDIA ADVISORY

54th UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS STANDING UP FOR THE VICTIMS?

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESS BRIEFING

11am, Thursday 12 March
Salle de Presse no.2, Palais des Nations, Geneva

In the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Commission on Human Rights must put the victims of violations at the centre of its decision-making. But yet again, governments look set to ignore some acute human rights situations, and for the victims the anniversary will be little cause for celebration.

Amnesty International is holding a press briefing to discuss its agenda for the 54th Commission of Human Rights. The organization will this year highlight Algeria, Cambodia, Colombia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Turkey – all countries where there is a pattern of systematic, persistent and severe human rights violations.

A special focus at this year's Commission is the human rights situation in Algeria and the lack of action by the international community. Amnesty International is bringing detailed recommendations to the Commission, and urging governments not to again ignore the six years of human rights atrocities in Algeria.

Amnesty International will also discuss the EU's decision not to support any resolution on China's human rights record, as more a result of policy splits between EU member states and lucrative markets than any real improvement in the human rights situation.

Speakers at the press briefing are: **Nicholas Howen, Director of the Legal and International Organizations Program** at AI's London Headquarters, and **Isabelle Scherer, Representative at the UN** at the organizations's Geneva Office. Both speakers are available for individual interviews in English and French.

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