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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE HONG KONG HANDOVER

Human rights will be a critical issue in Hong Kong's transition. Amnesty International (AI), the worldwide human rights organization, has its regional office in Hong Kong with a team of specialists available for interview and enquiries throughout the handover period – on specific human rights issues, to give a political analysis of the events and comment on AI's plans for the future. Members of AI's Hong Kong Section, with long experience of living, working and campaigning in Hong Kong will also be available for interview.

To facilitate media enquiries and interviews, we will be available for "open house" sessions on a daily basis from 24 June - 3 July, from 10-12 at the Regional Office. We will also hold a press conference on:

- *Saturday June 28 – 1600 hrs*
- *Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong*

We have produced a **media pack** for journalists with copies of a 'questions and answers paper' on AI and Hong Kong, summaries of recent documents outlining human rights concerns around the handover and in China. For broadcasters, to accompany the media pack we have limited copies of a betacam 6'42" **video news release**, including interviews with AI's Researcher, Asia Pacific Director and Hong Kong members, footage of AI Hong Kong education activities and coverage of human rights violations in China.

AI staff and members available for interview:

Rory Mungoven is the Asia Pacific Program Director, based in London. He is responsible for AI's research and campaigning policy on the Asia Pacific region. Before working for AI he was foreign policy advisor to the Australian government. **Catherine Baber** is the Researcher based in the Hong Kong Regional Office. She is responsible for research on human rights issues in Hong Kong and China, and available for interviews in English and Mandarin. **Mark Ogle** is the Media Officer and spokesperson on Asia Pacific issues, based in London. He is the first point of contact for journalists and is coordinating interview requests.

Serena Chan is the Vice-Chairperson of the Hong Kong Section, responsible for campaigning and outreach. **Robyn Kilpatrick** has worked as a volunteer for AI in Hong Kong for 13 years, four of them as Chairperson of the Hong Kong Section. **Angela Lee** is the Human Rights Education Officer working with students and other groups.

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