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PIERRE SANÉ, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S SECRETARY GENERAL

TO LAUNCH REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS IN ALGERIA

UNCA PRESS BRIEFING INVITATION

NEW YORK

The Secretary General of Amnesty International, Pierre Sané, is launching a new and disturbing report on the human rights crisis in Algeria on Tuesday, 18 November in New York.

The report, *Algeria: Civilian Population Caught in the Spiral of violence*, calls on the governments at the UN to stop ignoring the Algerian tragedy and start taking real action to break the spiral of violence.

Up to 80, 000 people have been brutally killed since the beginning of the conflict in 1992. In the past year, violence has taken a new and terrifying turn with the massacre of thousands of civilians, while member states of the UN and other international bodies have remained silent on Algeria.

Press Briefing details:

United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA)

Third Floor, UN Building, New York

at 11am to 12 noon (local time), Tuesday, 18 November 1997

(Breakfast will be provided)

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