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INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASES

** Afghanistan - mid-December ** - A 4-5 page document on the refugee situation plus a news release focusing both on refugees and on broader concerns in Afghanistan are planned for mid-December. Will let you know the embargo date as soon as it is confirmed.

Bosnia - 21 December - SEE NEWS SERVICE 265/94

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SOUTH KOREA: GOVERNMENT BREACHES COPYRIGHT ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORTS

The Government of the Republic of Korea (South Korea), in breach of copyright, has reproduced two Amnesty International reports on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) without the organization's permission.

"As an independent and impartial organization, we regret the selective use of our reports by governments," Amnesty International said. "We are particularly concerned in this instance because of the potential damage to Amnesty International's reputation for impartiality".

Last month, Amnesty International obtained copies of the two reproduced reports which were published in August by the National Unification Board and the Government Publishing Office.

Amnesty International has asked the South Korean Government to withdraw all copies of the two publications from circulation and to ensure that existing stock is destroyed. The organization has also sought a written commitment that no future reproductions will be made without its written permission and has reserved the right to take further action unless the government pays urgent attention to this matter.

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