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Amnesty International at the 3rd World Congress Against the Death Penalty

Amnesty International (AI) is to play a major role in the globalization of the fight for a death penalty-free world at the 3rd World Congress Against the Death Penalty, to be held in Paris between 1 and 3 February.

The Congress will bring together more than 600 academics, lawyers, relatives of victims of crime, journalists and campaigners from all over the world to discuss current strategies and other matters relevant to the goal of worldwide abolition of the death penalty.

Debates which will take place at the Congress include: "Islam and the death penalty" and "China and the Olympic Games". Congress participants will also discuss the prospects for abolition in North Africa, the Asia Pacific region and the Middle East. The event will end with a march for the universal abolition of the death penalty through the streets of Paris on Saturday.

AI's death penalty experts available for interview:

- o Piers Bannister, Death Penalty Coordinator - Death penalty global facts and figures and individual stories (English).
- o Genevieve Sevrin, President, AI France - Death penalty global facts and figures and individual stories (French).
- o Asunta Cavaller, Deputy Death Penalty Coordinator - Death penalty global facts and figures and individual stories (Spanish).
- o Jim Welsh, Health and Human Rights Coordinator - Use of lethal injection (English).
- o Mark Allison, Researcher on China - Death penalty figures and individual stories on China (English).

To organize an interview, please contact AI's Press Office in London on +44 207 413 5566 or +44 7778 472 126.

**For further information on AI's work against the death penalty, see:
<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/deathpenalty-index-eng>**

**For more information on the 3rd World Congress Against the Death Penalty, see:
<http://www.abolition.fr/ecpm/english/congres.php>**

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