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Amnesty International: Global petition shames Russia's human rights record ahead of Sochi Olympics

Amnesty International European leaders will be visiting Moscow 30-31 January 2014 in a bid to focus the attention of international and Russian media to human rights violation in Russia.

On 30th January, they will join Amnesty International's Moscow Office Director to present a petition signed by more than 100,000 people from around the world calling on President Vladimir Putin to repeal a series of laws that restrict freedom of expression, association, and assembly.

The handing of the petition to the Presidential Administration Office will be preceded by a creative stunt presenting a photo opportunity. Journalists will be given the opportunity to interview the Amnesty International delegates.

Around the same date, Amnesty International activists will be presenting signatures gathered under the petition in their countries to Russian embassies there.

The Directors of Amnesty International Sections in the UK, France, Netherlands, Belgium (FI), Germany, Finland, Switzerland, Ukraine, AI Moscow office and Amnesty International experts will be available for interviews on:

- Human rights violations in Russia;
- The role of civil society in promoting human rights;
- Building up a human rights movement;
- The European Court of Human Rights and Criminal Justice;
- Human rights concerns in European countries;
- Human rights and counter-terrorism;
- State surveillance and human rights;
- International conflicts and human rights;
- Discrimination against lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex people as well as against ethnic and religious minorities;
- Refugees and migration in Europe.

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