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Amnesty International and Greenpeace launch report calling for investigation into toxic waste dumping disaster in Cote d'Ivoire

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On 25 September Amnesty International and Greenpeace are launching a joint investigative report revealing full details on how toxic waste was allowed to be transported from Europe to West Africa in 2006 and the full scope of the role multinational company, Trafigura, played in dumping this waste, resulting in more than 100,000 people needing urgent medical treatment.

Justice has not been served for the victims in Abidjan, six years after this crime took place. While Trafigura was prosecuted for the illegal export of the waste from Europe, its role in the dumping has never been investigated. Therefore, Amnesty International and Greenpeace are calling for a criminal investigation into the dumping scandal and for African governments to tighten their controls on foreign pollution.

The report provides comprehensive recommendations for what needs to happen to prevent such a disaster happening again.

A press launch will take place in Dakar at the Centre Africain de Gestion (CESAG) opposite Radiodiffusion Television de Senegal (RTS) from 10am – 12 noon. Press spokespeople will also be available in London, Amsterdam and Paris.

To receive an advance copy of the report and for more information please contact:

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