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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES FIRST WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USA

Despite its claims to international leadership in human rights, the USA is failing to respect the fundamental promise of rights for all both at home and abroad: thousands of people are falling victim to human rights violations in US territory, and the USA contributes to human rights abuse by supplying equipment and training to governments and armed groups known to have carried out torture, political killings and other abuses.

Starting 6 October, more than a million Amnesty International members worldwide will campaign for a renewed commitment by the US authorities to placing humans rights protection at the heart of US domestic and foreign policy.

The first Amnesty International worldwide campaign for human rights in the USA will be launched at a press conference in Washington DC:

Time: 11:00 am (local time)

Place: Capital Hilton Hotel 1001 16th Street NW Washington DC

For further information, to arrange an interview (English, Spanish, French or Arabic) or to request a copy of the report *USA: Rights for All* -- please phone Amnesty International's press office on +44 171 413 5566 / 5808

Amnesty International now has an ISDN line for studio-quality radio interviews from their offices in London, please phone for further details.

Amnesty International's USA Campaign Web-site: http://www.rightsforall-usa.org ...ENDS/