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News Flash

Amnesty International's immediate concerns about implementation of Security Council's agreement on Kosovo

Amnesty International welcomed the inclusion of human rights protection and promotion in the draft resolution now before the Security Council.

The resolution sets the framework for a halt to the appalling violations of human rights and humanitarian law that have taken place in Kosovo and elsewhere in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and could lay the foundations for the future observance of human rights and international humanitarian law and the establishment of effective human rights institutions.

Amnesty International's immediate concerns about the implementation of the resolution are the following:

Preventing reprisals and protecting human rights of all by international security forces

Effective human rights monitoring

Including:

independent human rights monitoring reporting directly to the Special Representative of the Secretary General

frequent and comprehensive public reporting

monitoring of continuing and past human rights violations

full access for human rights monitors including to places of detention

Peace keepers to abide by the highest human rights standards

Protection of evidence for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

- **The protection and safe return of refugees**

- **Military personnel should be over 18**

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