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## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ADVISORY

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER, 2-3 PM NGO SATELLITE CENTRE, BEIJING (see below for directions)

One week since the start of the NGO Forum and at the start of the official government conference, Amnesty International's Secretary General Pierre Sané will highlight how the events of the past week at the Forum -- in particular the testimony of the women on the human rights violations they suffer and the continuing security and surveillance -- underscore Amnesty International's key demands from the conference. Mr Sané will also highlight the problems with successive UN conferences, and which governments are stumbling blocks to progress at this world conference.

The press conference panel will also include other members of Amnesty International's official delegation: Mel James, adviser on intergovernmental organizations, and Isabelle Scherer, Amnesty International's representative at the UN in Geneva.

## **DIRECTIONS**

On your map of the official conference site, the NGO Satellite Centre is marked as building 5. To get there from the main media centre in the BICC, turn right on leaving the BICC until you reach the BRCC, turn right again until you reach An Li Street. Go through the subway on your left to reach the other side of the street, turn right and walk about 100 metres to the Beijing Theatre. Signs will direct you to the press conference, which is at the back of the theatre.

## **DAILY MEDIA BRIEFINGS**

The main UN media briefing will take place each day at 12 noon in the BICC. Starting on Thursday, 7 September, Amnesty International's delegation to the official conference will be available each day after this briefing (approximately 1 pm) to provide the inside NGO perspective on the debates and negotiations at the conference. Since the NGOs have no access to rooms in the BICC or the BRCC for media work, this briefing will be held informally in the coffee bar of the media centre. We will notify you if the location of these briefings change.

## **CONTACTS**

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