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NEWS SERVICE ITEMS: EXTERNAL - RWANDA (This is the media advisory sent out by the IS press office inviting journalists to the Rwanda Briefing tomorrow, enclosed for your information).

PLEASE NOTE: CORRECTION - In the urgent note to press officers about the Rwanda briefing on Friday 19 August I said the briefing was going to be held at 1130 hrs GMT. This was incorrect it should be **11.30 am London Time**, as British SummerTime is one hour ahead of GMT. The Rwanda Media Advisory sent out in this news service states the correct time.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ADVISORY: RWANDA

An Amnesty International research team has just returned from Rwanda and will report back at a press conference on its investigations into past massacres and current rumours of human rights violations by the Rwandese Patriotic Front.

The press conference will be held on Friday, 19 August at 11:30am at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1Y 5AH.

The team found a country almost empty of people -- most having fled or died in attacks -- and a climate of fear that the genocidal killings or reprisal attacks would begin again.

The Amnesty International researchers will make the following points during the press conference:

• The international community must immediately provide a human rights monitoring presence to assure returning refugees they will be safe from reprisals and further bloodshed. Such monitors are needed to prevent some elements of the Rwandese Patriotic Front and civilians from carrying out reprisal killings.

• Amnesty International also recommends long-term measures supported by the international community to re-build Rwanda's destroyed judicial system and bring those responsible for human rights violations to justice.

A news release and video footage from the research mission will be distributed at the press conference. Such footage will include interviews with the president, vice-president and other Rwandese government officials.

Please call to confirm if you will be attending. Television crews should show up 15 minutes in advance to set up before the start of the conference.