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Amnesty International, Oxfam, IANSA Launch Global Arms Trade Campaign -- 9 October 2003

On Thursday 9 October 2003, Amnesty International, Oxfam and the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) will jointly launch a major new report and a worldwide campaign to control the international arms trade: "Control Arms". The "Control Arms" campaign aims to reduce arms proliferation and misuse and to convince governments to introduce a binding arms trade treaty.

When: Thursday 9 October 2003

Where: Thistle Hotel, The Strand, London

10.00am - 11.00am: Press conference launching the report *Shattered Lives: The Case for Tough International Arms Controls* and the Control Arms campaign. Panel: **Irene Khan**, Secretary General, Amnesty International. **Barbara Stocking**, Director, Oxfam, **Conmany Wesseh**, IANSA Committee Member.

Trafalgar Square, London

11.15am: Photo call. Trafalgar Square becomes a graveyard. A life-sized graveyard will be installed in the Square. Hundreds of gravestones representing the half a million people who die each year from armed violence - one every minute - will be laid out across the square. Interviews available on site.

11.15am: A giant photo petition, THE MILLION FACES, will be launched on the North Terrace of Trafalgar Square. The petition will graphically illustrate demand from people around the world for international action on the arms trade. People will join the petition by having photos taken or drawing a self-portrait. From 11.15 onwards these faces will be pasted over a 7m x 3m gun painted on a billboard.

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