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Russian Federation: Amnesty International launches annual report Media invite

Amnesty International's Executive Deputy Secretary General, Kate Gilmore, will launch the Amnesty International Report 2007 in Moscow on Wednesday, 23 May 2007.

The Amnesty International Report 2007, which is being launched simultaneously in London, provides a comprehensive global overview of the state of the world's human rights. The report, which covers over 150 countries, documents human rights issues of concern to Amnesty International during 2006 and reflects the organization's activities during the year to promote human rights and to campaign against specific human rights abuses.

Kate Gilmore will present the organization's main conclusions regarding the global trends affecting the protection of human rights and will illustrate them with examples from the Russian Federation and other countries in the region.

"Russia has a leading role on the global stage as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and an elected member of the new UN Human Rights Council. Amnesty International is expecting its authorities to demonstrate leadership by upholding the principle that human rights are universal," Kate Gilmore said.

Amnesty International will distribute a briefing on the thousands still missing in the North Caucasus, challenging the official statements that life in Chechnya can get "back to normal" without ensuring accountability for those responsible for the enforced disappearances there.

When: Wednesday 23 May 2006 at 13:00 Moscow time (09:00 GMT)

Where: Sadovo-Chernogriazskaia Str, d. 3-B (closest Metro station -- Krasnye Vorota)
http://www.infolegal.ru/new_address.htm

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Please note:

- o Amnesty International spokespeople will be available to conduct interviews after the press conference, live or via telephone in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
- o Relatives of victims of enforced disappearance in Chechnya will be available for interviews in English and in Russian.
- o The Amnesty International Report 2007 and supplementary media materials, including photos, audio and video will be available from 23 May 2007 in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish at: <http://thereport.amnesty.org>
- o Video to accompany the report will be available on Beta SP for those who attend the press conference or otherwise via three playouts on the APTN Global Video Wire on Wednesday 23 May 2007.

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