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Invitation: Press conference -- human rights defenders under attack in East and Horn of Africa

As the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights prepares to meet next month, Amnesty International and human rights defenders from across East Africa and the Horn of Africa are meeting to discuss the situation of human rights defenders in the region.

Over 60 grassroots activists from Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Somaliland, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda are participating in the conference, which is taking place in Entebbe, Uganda from 31 October to 4 November 2005. It will be followed by a **press conference** on **4 November**, at which time a Final Declaration on human rights defenders will be made public.

The talks have been organized by Amnesty International and the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders' Project (EHAHRDP).

Press conference details:

When: 11am (local time), Friday, 4 November 2005
Where: Windsor Lake Victoria Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda
Who: Jean Lokenga, Amnesty International; Hassan Shire Sheikh, Co-ordinator -- East and Horn of Africa HRD Project; Musa Gassama, International Service for Human Rights

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