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2005 UN Commission on Human Rights: Information for journalists

During the period 1-8 April 2005, Amnesty International will issue the following documents related to the work of the Commission:

A report *The death penalty worldwide: developments in 2004*, to be published on 5 April 2005; *The death penalty: List of abolitionist and retentionist countries*; *Constitutional prohibitions of the death penalty*;

A joint statement with Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) under item 14;

A public statement on Violence Against Women and sexual rights under item 12.

Amnesty International's delegates at the 61st Session of the Commission during the week will include:

Seydi Gassama, Director Amnesty International Senegal;

Maniza Ntekim, Amnesty International UK;

Gaby Juen, Amnesty International European Union;

Yolanda Roman, Amnesty International, Spain;

Craig Benjamin, Amnesty International Canada (7-15 April);

Rob Freer, Amnesty International's researcher on the US;

Audrey Gaughran, Amnesty International's researcher on Zimbabwe after her mission to the country during the parliamentary elections;

Marianne Lilliebjerg,

Hilary Fisher, Amnesty International, Stop Violence Against Women Campaign Director

Kate Sheill, Amnesty International

Kolawole Olaniyan, Amnesty International Programme Director for Africa

Amnesty International will take part in the following side events:

Global Rights event on torture and the US with Amnesty International's researcher on the US Rob Freer on the panel;

Side event on Zimbabwe organized with Human Rights Watch, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Federation of Human Rights and the Zimbabwe human rights network (Kolawole Olaniyan, Programme Director for Africa, Audrey Gaughran, Amnesty International's researcher on Zimbabwe);

An event sponsored by Amnesty International on Violence Against Women in Colombia (Guilia Tamayo, Amnesty International Spain)

During the period 21 March - 1 April, Amnesty International published the following documents related to the work of the Commission:

A press release *UN Commission on Human Rights: Time to act to protect human rights*, <http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engior410202005>;

A public statement: *Amnesty International welcomes UN Secretary-General's bold steps to*

strengthen human rights in major new report,
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engior410152005>;
A press release *Zimbabwe: More than 250 women arrested - some badly beaten,*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engafr460062005>
A public statement, *Russian Federation: Russian police officer found guilty of crimes against the civilian population in the Chechen Republic,*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engeur460112005>
A report *Conflict, Occupation and Patriarchy: Women Carry the Burden*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engmde150162005>;
A public statement *Palestinian Authority (PA): Amnesty International calls on the PA not to resume executions and to end impunity,* <http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engmde210032005>
A press release *Sudan: Historic referral to ICC tarnished by exemptions,*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engafr540332005>
A press release *Sudan: Refer Darfur crimes to ICC, but no impunity for peacekeepers,*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engafr540322005>
An oral statement under item 9: *Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world,* <http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engior410192005>;
An oral statement on item 11: Civil and Political Rights;
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engior410242005>
A joint statement with the International Commission of Jurists and the Colombian Commission of Jurists to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights under item 10: *Economic, Social and Cultural Right,* <http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engior410232005>;
An urgent action on Nepal: *Fear of torture or ill-treatment/incommunicado detention,*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engasa310282005>
A public statement on the human rights situation in Israel/Occupied Territories to coincide with the discussion under item 8;
A report *Foreigners in Our Own Country: Indigenous Peoples in Brazil;*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engamr190022005>
A report, *Kenya: The impact of "anti-terrorism" operations on human rights,*
<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engafr320022005>

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For latest information on the 61st session of the UNCHR, please go to:

<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/unchr-intro-eng>

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