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Mexico: March on Ciudad Juárez

(Ciudad Juárez) On Saturday, February 14, 2004, V-Day and Amnesty International are organizing a march to honor all the women of Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, their families and all groups that have worked tirelessly on their behalf.

"Hundreds of young women have been murdered with impunity in the past decade in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua. Many were abducted and sexually assaulted. Many others remain missing. We are joining with the women of Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua and their families to demand the end to impunity and the prevention of further violence against women," Amnesty International said today.

The day will also include discussion on gender violence by Mexican feminist, Marcela Lagarde, an ecumenical remembrance of the victims and honoring of their mothers and families at the Benito Juárez Monument and lunch provided by local vendors. Mothers' organizations have also organized other activities including a roundtable event to discuss proposals for ending impunity and a special performance of V-Day Founder/Playwright Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" performed by Lilia Aragon, Marinitia Escobedo, Laura Flores, Monica Alicia Juarez, Eve Ensler, Jane Fonda, Sally Field, Christine Lahti, and Shiva Rose.

Many local and international women's and human rights groups, political leaders, and celebrities will take part in the event in Ciudad Juárez.

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For the text of Amnesty International's report on Ciudad Juarez, please go to:

"Intolerable Killings: Ten years of abductions and murders of women in Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua", please see:

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engamr410262003> (English)

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/eslamr410262003> (Spanish)

and for additional information, please see:

"Mexico: Increased international scrutiny for violence against women in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua"

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/index/engamr410452003>

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