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Amnesty International Statistics Covering January to December 2004

Note: These statistics cannot tell the whole story of all the human rights abuses committed across the world in 2004. They are representative of the cases documented by Amnesty International but they do not amount to an exhaustive list.

Countries in which people were detained without charge or trial: 42

Human rights abuses by armed opposition groups

- o Countries where armed opposition groups have made deliberate or indiscriminate attacks on civilians: 28
- o Countries where armed groups used torture or ill-treatment against detainees: 11
- o Countries where armed groups have taken hostages or carried out abductions: 15

Death Penalty

- o Countries where judicial executions have taken place in 2004: 26
- o Countries where prisoners were held under death sentences in 2004: 59

Countries where there were restrictions on freedom of assembly/association/ expression/press: 79

Countries where there were new "disappearances": 11

(Many thousands of people also remain 'disappeared' in scores of countries around the world)

Torture and ill-treatment by governments

o Countries where victims of torture and ill-treatment by security forces, police and other state authorities were reported:104

Violence Against Women

 New unreserved ratifications of the optional protocol of CEDAW allowing individual complaints to the UN and UN investigation of grave or systematic abuses against women: 11 (total unreserved ratifications of the optional protocol: 68)

International Justice

o States becoming parties to the International Criminal Court, allowing investigations of crimes by their nationals or on their territories: 5 (total number of state parties: 97)

Prisoners of conscience

o Countries where confirmed or possible prisoners of conscience were held: 35

General statistics:

Number of countries the 2005 annual report covers: 149 Number of country reports published in 2004: 402 Number of thematic reports published in 2004: 143 Total number of reports published in 2004: 545 Number of members: 1.8 million in over 150 countries *******

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