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Press Conference on Stopping The Torture Trade

Amnesty International will be releasing a report exposing the international trade in the tools of torture at a press conference on 26 February 2001.

The report, "Stopping the Torture Trade," documents the companies and countries involved in the manufacture, marketing and export of weapons used to torture, such as electro-shock weapons, chemical sprays, shackles, and other restraints. The report details the unnecessary suffering caused by these weapons, particularly when they are exported to known human rights abusers.

As part of the human rights organization's year-long campaign to stop torture, Amnesty International will also release an analysis of US export licenses granted since 1997 for 'crime control equipment' categories that include electro-shock weapons and restraints.

Press Conference

"Stopping the Torture Trade"

10:00 AM EST (15:00 GMT), Monday, February 26, 2001

Murrow Room, National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor,
Washington, DC 20045

Speakers:

William F. Schulz, Executive Director, Amnesty International USA

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