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GUINEA: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PROTESTS CONFISCATION OF DOCUMENTS

Amnesty International has protested in the strongest terms to the Guinean Government after police at Conakry airport confiscated three documents in the possession of an Amnesty International delegation which left Guinea on 4 April 1995.

Amnesty International's representatives had spent two weeks in Guinea collecting information about human rights developments in the country, and the delegation also met refugees fleeing human rights violations resulting from the conflicts in both Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Two of the documents confiscated were publicly available in Guinea; the third was a document provided to the delegation by the section in Kankan of an opposition political party, the *Rassemblement du peuple de Guinée* (RPG). Amnesty International is particularly concerned about the action by police at the airport because its delegation had received explicit assurances from the Guinean government that it could undertake its work without restriction, in particular by meeting freely other organizations and individuals in Guinea. The organization deplores the fact that police at the airport insisted on examining all documents in the possession of the delegation on their departure and the confiscation of three of those documents.

A report on the human rights situation in Guinea, based on information obtained during Amnesty International's visit to Guinea, will be prepared in due course.

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