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MEDIA ADVISORY

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO VISIT KENYA**

An Amnesty International high level delegation led by Secretary General Pierre Sané arrives in Nairobi on 1 June 1997 for a 12-day visit to Kenya. The delegates will be meeting with representatives of the government, political parties and non-governmental organizations to discuss the Amnesty International's concerns about the human rights situation in the country and Kenya's role in human rights protection elsewhere in Africa.

The delegation will be launching Amnesty International's *Human Rights Manifesto for Kenya*, and calling on all political parties to include human rights protection and promotion in their manifestos for the forthcoming general elections. Amnesty International is particularly concerned about harassment of critics of the government, ill-treatment -- sometimes amounting to torture -- of political prisoners, prison conditions and what appears to be the use of excessive force by Police. The delegation will be calling on the government to bring Kenya's constitution into line with international standards on human rights.

During the visit the delegates hope to meet representatives of the government, including President Daniel Arap Moi, the Attorney General and Home Affairs Minister. The delegation will also meet representatives of political parties, the Kenya Human Rights Commission, the Law Society of Kenya, the National Union of Journalists and non-governmental organizations and religious communities.

Other members of the delegation include Hilary Fisher, Researcher on East Africa, Ahmed Motala, Africa Legal and International Organizations Officer and Mark Ogle, Media Officer, all based at the organization's International Secretariat in London..

Members of the delegation will be available for interview in English, French and Arabic throughout the visit. Mr Sané will be holding a press conference on:

- **11 June 1997 -- 10.00am**
- **Nairobi Hilton Hotel -- Amboseli conference room**

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