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## **Mauritania: Invitation to a press conference on the launch of a report on slavery**

Amnesty International invites journalists to the launch of its report: *Mauritania: A future free from slavery?*

The report will be launched in Dakar, Senegal on 7 November 2002, the anniversary of the official abolition of slavery in Mauritania.

Despite the legal abolition of slavery in Mauritania twenty years ago, the government is yet to take practical steps to ensure its abolition in practice.

The report shows that human rights abuses related to slavery persist in Mauritania, although the government denies their existence.

### **Further Conference Details**

**DATE:** 7 November 2002  
**TIME:** 10:00 (Dakar Time/ 10:00GMT)  
**VENUE:** Hôtel Indépendance  
Place de l'Indépendance  
Dakar

### **SPEAKERS**

Me Demba Ciré Bathily, Chair of AI Senegal  
Me Fatimata Mbaye, the Vice-chair of AMDH ( *Association Mauritanienne des Droits de l'Homme*)  
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