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An Amnesty International delegation, led by Secretary General Pierre Sané, is in Edinburgh to raise the organization's human rights concerns at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The delegation, which also includes Roger Clark, Director of Amnesty International's Africa program at its London headquarters, will be meeting various government officials and attending a series of events timed to coincide with the summit.

Amnesty International is highlighting the human rights situation in eight Commonwealth countries in particular: Cameroon, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka. The organization is bringing a detailed set of proposals for Commonwealth-level action on each of these countries as well as lobbying the Commonwealth to raise the profile of human rights protection and promotion throughout its activities.

The delegation will hold a press conference on:

- Thursday 23rd October, 1400 hrs (local time)
- Carlton Highland Hotel, No.1, North Bridge, Edinburgh. Tel: (0131) 556 7277

Mr Sané and other members of the Amnesty International Delegation will be available for interview in English and French during the Commonwealth Summit. Amnesty International's country experts based at the organization's International Secretariat in London will also be available for interview.

To arrange an interview, or receive a copy of the media pack, please call:

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Other events including Amnesty International participation include:

24 October, 11am-12.30pm: Queens Hall, Clerk Street

Music & poetry concert on human rights themes. Concert will be addressed by Nike Ransome-Kuti, daughter of Nigerian Chairman of the Campaign for Democracy, Beko Ransome-Kuti.

24 October, 7pm: Commonwealth Centre (Assembly Rooms)

Panel discussion: *Democracy in Nigeria: What role for the Commonwealth?* Wole Soyinka, Ken Wiwa, Pierre Sané, Glenys Kinnock. Chair: David Martin MEP

27 October, 7pm: St John's Church, corner of Prince's St & Lothian Rd:

Vigil in remembrance of Ken Saro-Wiwa. This vigil will take place beside a mural commemorating the second anniversary of the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa.