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NEWS SERVICE ITEMS: EXTERNAL - **SOUTH KOREA** (reactive item, being sent to South Korean media)

PLEASE NOTE : The Central Africa Mission (based in Rwanda) has been postponed to 11 January.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL CHANGES :

**CASEY KELSO** is the **Press Officer** for Africa and Asia.

**KAMAL SAMARI** is the **Press Officer** for the Middle East and North & West Africa (for 6 months).

**SORAYA BERMEJO** is the new **Press Officer** for Latin America and Europe (for 6 months). She will be starting on 9 January.

**ANDROULLA KYRILLOU** is the **Assistant Press Officer** (for the next 6 months) and will be in charge of the News Service.

**PAULA SEAGER** is now the **Audio Visual Production Coordinator**, but will be acting up to A.V. Producer until March 95' while Adam Lloyd is away.

**DINA STAVRINIDES** will no longer be working in the Press Office except for a few days on the Press Officers Meeting.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASES**

Sudan - 25 January - SEE NEWS SERVICES 275 AND 261

Turkey - 8 February - SEE NEWS SERVICE 261

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## **TARGETED AND LIMITED NEWS RELEASES**

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SOUTH KOREA: GOVERNMENT REGRETS UNAUTHORISED REPRODUCTION OF AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL REPORTS

The Government of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) has expressed regret about its unauthorised reproduction of two of Amnesty International's reports on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).

Amnesty International had expressed its concern to the South Korean Government that the organization's reputation for impartiality may have been jeopardized by the South Korean Government's selective use of Amnesty International's reports on human rights in North Korea.

The human rights organisation also reiterated that it opposes human rights violations in both South Korea and North Korea.

In a letter delivered to Amnesty International on 21 December, the South Korean Government expressed regret that it had reproduced Amnesty International's reports in August 1994 in breach of copyright. It said that it planned to withdraw all copies in circulation and to destroy existing stock.

The government also said that it would not reproduce Amnesty International's reports in the future without obtaining the organization's written authorization.

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